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On the verge of the Maryland Million, it's time to check in on the adventures of Maryland trainer, owner, breeder and leader Tim Keefe, the man behind three-time Classic winner Eighttofasttocatch, who turned a summer job with trainer Janet Elliot into a long racing career. By Vinnie Perrone. Page 24

Regional roots help Hamilton succeed

Anthony Hamilton, whose family's well-branched Thoroughbred path goes through Maryland, Virginia and Kentucky, finds a niche as the assistant to Hall of Fame trainer Shug McGaughey. By Joe Clancy. Page 34

Big finish at Colonial Downs

Jill Byrne and team at Virginia's racetrack put the wraps on a strong racing season with increases in racing days, handle, attention. Capensis (above) shines in the Grade 3 Virginia Derby as Fair Hill-based Mike Stidham wins training title and Virginians David Ross and Larry Johnson tie for owners' crown. By Joe Clancy. Page 38

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Blofeld	Hangover Kid	Petionville
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Buffum	Holy Boss	Port Vila (FR)
Bullsbay	Hunters Bay	Private Scandal
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Cal Nation	Irish War Cry	Redeemed
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POST TIME

MASTERPIECE. Eventual winner Art Collector (right) shows the way early in the Charles Town Classic as local hero Muad'dib drafts into second in the West Virginia track's signature race Aug. 26. The heavy favorite repeated his 2021 victory in the Grade 2 for owner/breeder Bruce Lunsford and trainer Bill Mott as Muad'dib settled for second—his first defeat after 10 consecutive wins at Charles Town.

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Owner/breeder Daniel Denefrio, about the danger of keeping homebreds

"It's a real honor to be here and I'm in shock."
Trainer Todd McKenna after his Noah And The Ark (Ire) upset heavily favored Snap Decision in the Lonesome Glory Handicap steeplechase at Aqueduct last month

"I don't have kids. Now it feels like I've got 16 kids in the barn."
Trainer Brian Brooks, comparing horses to children

"The question I answer the most is, 'When are you going to run more days?' "
Timonium's Bill Reightler, who knows the meet isn't getting longer any time soon

"You'll see me out there on a tractor now and then. You do what needs to be done."
Colonial Downs' Jill Byrne, about her multi-faceted job at the Virginia track

"We have a Maryland farm and we support Maryland sires and we don't sell, we raise and train them ourselves . . . If we have something, we will always point to Maryland Million Day. We love that day."
Gina Robb, who with husband Jerry won stakes with Maryland Million eligibles Alottahope, Bandits Heart and Fille d'Esprit this summer

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Sunset Flash. **Real Rider Cup participants Flash McCaul and Kim Crowell take a moment after participating in the Thoroughbred charity show jumping event at Fair Hill, Md., Sept. 16. The event showcased 33 retired racehorses competing on several teams while raising funds for Thoroughbred aftercare. Bred in Maryland by Country Life Farm, Friesan Fire Syndicate and Mary and Clifton Cornwell, the now 9-year-old gelding won three races, placed in a few stakes, competed in four Maryland Million races and earned $214,821 before starting his new career. With events in Kentucky and Maryland this year, the Real Rider Cup raised $174,000 and counting for the Retired Racehorse Project, New Vocations and the Fair Hill Thoroughbred Show. See therealridercup.com for more.**

GO FIGURE

2,882,340 Average dollars wagered on the 26 days of racing at Colonial Downs in Virginia this year. The figure was up more than 29 percent compared to 2021 and was part of a record $79,940,840 in total handle for the meet.

612,000 Dollars in average daily purses at Colonial, up from $521,000 per day in 2021.

7,500 Dollars donated to the Boys and Girls Club of Delaware by fans and management at Delaware Park casino and racetrack in September. Donation boxes throughout the facility collect unused vouchers from guests for charity, with the total augmented by the company.

2 Stakes starts in three days for Maryland-bred Vance Scholars, who finished last of 10 in the Virginia Derby-G3 at Colonial Downs Sept. 6 and second of five in the Cape Henlopen Stakes at Delaware Park Sept. 8.

NAMES OF THE MONTH

Barzini. The Maryland-bred 2-year-old, owned by Three Diamonds Farm and Marie Trombetta, is out of Hangingwithsonny. Emilio Barzini, a character in the novel and movie *The Godfather*, tried to have Vito Corleone assassinated in hopes that his son Sonny Corleone would be amenable to a partnership between the Barzini and Corleone families. Barzini the horse finished third at Saratoga and Timonium this summer.

Polish Cookie. Nancy Lee Farms' 5-year-old Maryland-bred mare is out of Chrusciki, Polish for cookie. She won at Laurel in July.

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Oct. 7	**Maryland International Agriculture & Environment Conference Mexican Charreada (Rodeo)** Rancho Los Magueyes, Odenton
Oct. 13-16	**Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill,** Fair Hill, Elkton
Oct. 22	**Jim McKay Maryland Million Day**, Laurel Park Racecourse, Laurel
Oct. 24-30	**Washington International Horse Show,** Prince George's Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro

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October MARYLAND Horse Month

Maryland Million Watch

By John Piassek

The cooler temperatures, the changing of the leaves, and the earlier sunsets can mean only one thing: the Jim McKay Maryland Million is quickly approaching.

The 37th edition of the biggest event of the Laurel Park racing season will take place Saturday, Oct. 22. It'll serve as a showcase for the Maryland breeding industry, as the top Maryland-sired horses in the country will do battle.

Maryland Million contenders are spotlighted on the Maryland Million Watch, updated weekly on marylandmillion.com, but a few prime prospects follow. Let's hope to see them in the paddock.

AIN'T DA BEER COLD

Breeders: Matt Spencer and Kelly Cox
Owners: Matt Spencer, Kelly Jo Cox and Bonuccelli Racing
Trainer: Kenny Cox
Sire: Freedom Child
Likely Target: Classic

Stakes-placed at age 2 and erratic at age 3, Ain't Da Beer Cold has blossomed at 4. He's won three times on the year from eight starts, including a neck victory against a salty allowance/optional claiming field at Timonium on Sept. 5. He was well-beaten in the Classic last year but is much-improved this time around and looms as a contender.

AIR TOKEN

Owner: Corrales Racing
Trainer: Jose Corrales
Breeder: Carol Kaye
Sire: Golden Lad
Likely Target: Sprint

Last year, Air Token saved ground most of the way and got up late to win the Sprint in a 7-1 upset. Earlier this year, he finished third in the Not For Love Stakes, but went to the sidelines not long afterward. He returned with a fifth in an allowance/optional claiming race at Delaware Park Sept. 3 around two turns. He's looking to become the first horse to win the Sprint multiple times.

ALOTTAHOPE

Owner: No Guts No Glory Farm
Trainer: Jerry Robb
Breeders: Tom, Chris & Brooke Bowman
Sire: Editorial
Likely Target: Sprint

Alottahope made waves July 30 at Laurel when he won the Star de Naskra Stakes by 15 lengths. Next out, he validated that form with a win in the Robert Hilton Memorial Stakes at Charles Town on Aug. 26 over a tough field that included numerous stakes winners.

BANDITS HEART

Breeder/Owner: No Guts No Glory Farm
Trainer: Jerry Robb
Sire: Mosler
Likely Target: Nursery

Bandits Heart is a half-brother to Anna's Bandit, who won 11 stakes races, including the 2019 Maryland Million Distaff. On Sept. 1, Bandits Heart earned his first victory in style, taking the Dover Stakes by 2 lengths in front-running fashion.

DIVINE HUNTRESS

Owners: Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Long Valley Stables
Breeders: Tom and Chris Bowman, Rick Buckley, Joshua Dreiband
Trainer: Graham Motion
Sire: Divining Rod
Likely Target: Distaff

You don't often see Grade 1-placed horses in the Maryland Million, but Divine Huntress, second in the Acorn Stakes-G1 at Belmont Park in June, could appear in this year's Distaff. Two races back, she won the Miss Disco Stakes at Laurel in a three-horse photo finish. Most recently, she was fourth in the Charles Town Oaks-G3. She's shown signs of promise throughout her sophomore campaign and will try to put it all together on Maryland Million Day.

FILLE D'ESPRIT

Owners: C J I Phoenix Group and No Guts No Glory Farm
Breeder: Sweet Spirits Stables
Trainer: Jerry Robb
Sire: Great Notion
Likely Target: Distaff

Six-year-old mare returned from a 10-month layoff in last year's Distaff and was a well-beaten sixth. However, she's regained her form this year, winning three stakes and placing in four others. In her most recent start, she finished second behind graded stakes winner Frank's Rockette in the Misty Bennett Pink Ribbon Stakes.

FORTHELUVOFBOURBON

Owner: Smart Angle
Breeder: Hidden Acres 4-D Farm
Trainer: Michael Pino
Sire: Bourbon Courage
Likely Target: Sprint

A five-time winner on the year, including two stakes victories, this Pennsylvania-bred has enjoyed a breakthrough season. In his most recent start, he won the Banjo Picker Sprint Stakes at Parx Racing, defeating Frank J. DeFrancis Memorial Dash winner Beren.

GRATEFUL BRED

Breeder/Owner: Gordie Keys
Trainer: Madison Meyers
Sire: Great Notion
Likely Target: Turf Sprint

Grateful Bred won last year's Turf Sprint as the 1-2 favorite and looks primed for a repeat victory. He's placed in four stakes this year: twice at Laurel and twice at Colonial Downs. Although he does not have a stakes victory to his credit this season, he's been in excellent form and will be tough to beat.

LEADER OF THE BAND

Breeder/Owner: SMD Ltd.
Trainer: John Servis
Sire: Bandbox
Likely Target: Distaff

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The Pennsylvania-bred filly is a two-time stakes winner on the year, having most recently taken the Summer Colony Stakes at Saratoga Aug. 19. Last year, she won the Monmouth Oaks-G3 at Monmouth Park, and was second in the Molly Pitcher Stakes-G3 at the same track this year.

LUNA BELLE

Owners: Deborah Greene and Hamilton Smith
Breeders: Fred Greene, Deborah Greene, Hamilton Smith
Trainer: Hamilton Smith
Sire: Great Notion
Likely Target: Distaff

Earlier in the year, Luna Belle dominated the Maryland 3-year-old filly ranks, sweeping her way to four consecutive stakes victories. During her streak, Hammy Smith brought up the Maryland Million as a potential target for her. She returned to the worktab in mid-August after a summer break. Despite the long layoff, she'd be a serious contender in this year's Distaff.

MY THOUGHTS

Breeder/Owner: Harry Kassap
Trainer: Tim Woolley
Sire: Editorial
Likely Target: Ladies

In a stretch duel, My Thoughts defeated Swan Point by a nose to take the Fort Indiantown Gap Stakes at Penn National last out. It was the first career stakes win for this filly, who made her sophomore bow in mid-June and would be the sixth 3-year-old filly to win the Ladies. The others were Stal Quest in 2001, Hail Hillary in 2003, Maddy's Heart in 2007, My Sistersledge in 2017, and Zonda in 2019.

SOMEKINDOFMAGICIAN

Owner: Bell Gable Stable
Breeder: Earl Barnhart
Trainer: Gary Contessa
Sire: Street Magician
Likely Target: Turf

Somekindofmagician got up to win last year's Turf in the last possible jump, prevailing in a three-horse photo finish over Johng and Street Copper. This year, the 8-year-old gelding has finished second twice in three starts, including a runner-up effort in the Find Stakes in June.

VANCE SCHOLARS

Owner: Steven Newby
Breeder: Anchor and Hope Farm
Trainer: Dale Capuano
Sire: Holy Boss
Likely Target: Turf or Classic

In his return to the races following a condylar fracture, Vance Scholars won the Bald Eagle Derby at Laurel Aug. 6 in a 12-1 upset. He was well-beaten in the New Kent County Virginia Derby-G3, but just two days later, he came back and finished second in the Cape Henlopen Stakes at Delaware over 1½ miles. If he goes in the Classic, he'd be trying to become the third 3-year-old to win the Classic, following Bonus Points in 2017 and Monday Morning Qb in 2020.

MILESTONES

Won: Stakes with four Maryland-breds in July and August, trainers Dale and Gary Capuano. Gary won with Tappin Cat and Malibu Beauty at Delaware Park in early July. Dale won with Justwaveandsmile and Vance Scholars at Laurel Park in late July and early August. Combined, the brothers are closing in on 5,000 training wins (3,633 for Dale and 1,287 for Gary) through Sept. 10.

Died: The 2001 Maryland-bred Horse of the Year Include, at age 25, euthanized in July due to a worsening heart condition at Airdrie Stud in Midway, Ky. His death was reported Sept. 5 by Bret Jones, vice president of Airdrie Stud. Bred and campaigned by one of Maryland's all-time leading breeders, Robert Meyerhoff, and trained by Hall of Famer Grover "Bud" Delp throughout a 20-race career, Include recorded his biggest victory in the 2001 Pimlico Special-G1, retired a millionaire and entered stud at Airdrie in 2003, where he stood until pensioned in 2021. The son of Meyerhoff's Grade 1 winner, Maryland-bred Horse of the Year and leading sire Broad Brush, out of the Stop the Music mare Illeria, sired multiple Grade 1-winning millionaire Panty Raid, a graded stakes winner on dirt, turf and synthetic surfaces, in his first crop, and 66 stakes winners worldwide.

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS
Include

Received: The Robert N. Clay Conservation Award for 2022, Marylander Charlie Fenwick, from the Equine Land Conservation Resource during the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association national awards dinner Sept. 10 in Lexington, Ky. The award was established in 2014 as a partnership between TOBA and ELCR to help increase awareness of the importance of land conservation in the Thoroughbred industry and to serve as an inspiration to members of the industry. The award is presented annually at the TOBA National Awards dinner. Fenwick was honored for his leadership in organizing the efforts to protect a portion of Shawan Farms in Baltimore County, Maryland, from the threat of residential development and rebranding it as Shawan Downs (an equestrian center and steeplechase course). Prior to World War I, Shawan Farm, a 2,500-acre estate, was filled with horses and cattle. Local equine enthusiasts enjoyed frequent cross-country races and the annual Worthington Valley Horse Show, which benefited the Women's Hospital in Baltimore. Over time the expansive estate was divided among several descendants of the original owners living on nearby farms, all a part of the original acreage. Between 1982 and 1992, Baltimore County lost 16,000 acres of farmland to development despite some of the nation's strictest zoning. Concerned about the loss of local farmland, in 1997, area residents foresaw the possibility that the core of Shawan Farms could be saved from development and conserved as open space for farming and as an equine facility to support local equine traditions.

MILESTONES

Fenwick was one of the local leaders that made this dream a reality, shoring up support from 19 neighbors to acquire the property under the aegis of the Land Preservation Trust. An additional 175 neighbors donated at least $10,000 each to share in creating an equestrian venue, notably the current steeplechase course and its amenities. Today, more than 250 acres are preserved as open space while hosting equine events including the Legacy Chase steeplechase meet, the Green Spring Valley and Shawan point-to-points, steeplechase schoolings, horse trials, junior races and other events.

Scored: The first stakes win for a South Carolina-bred since 2004, Swayin to and Fro in Pimlico's $75,000 Shine Again Stakes Sept. 10. The 3-year-old filly bred by Franklin G. "Goree" Smith Sr. battled on the front end the entire 6 furlongs and, while still on her left lead, fought with year-older favorite Oxana to win by a neck. Owner Baxter Racing Stable and trainer Mario Serey Jr. claimed her off Smith for $16,000 at Pimlico May 26. That was her first of five consecutive wins and the Shine Again gave her six on the year. Swayin to and Fro is a daughter of Smith's late stallion Straight Talking, who stood at his Elloree Training Center in Elloree, S.C. The last South Carolina-bred to take home a stakes win was Intelligent Male in the Sam's Town at Delta Downs Dec. 4, 2004. Intelligent Male was also bred by Smith and by a stallion he owned, Ride the Storm, who also stood at Elloree.

Swayin to and Fro

JIM MCCUE

Presented: Its national breeder awards for 2021, the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, Sept. 10. Among regional honorees were Maryland's Angie and Sabrina Moore as national small breeders of the year. The Moores bred and raised 2021 Horse of the Year Knicks Go, a son of Paynter and the Moores' Not For Love mare Kosmo's Buddy. Foaled at GreenMount Farm in Glyndon, Md., Knicks Go went on to win Eclipse Awards as Horse of the Year and champion older dirt male in 2021. His victories that season included scores in the Breeders' Cup Classic-G1, Lukas Classic-G3, Whitney Stakes-G1, Cornhusker Handicap-G3 and Pegasus World Cup Invitational-G1. He retired after one start this year with $9,528,135 earned and is a stallion at Kentucky's Taylor Made Farm. TOBA presented state breeder of the year awards to Katy Voss and the late Bob Manfuso (Maryland), Law Legacy Stables (New Jersey), Elizabeth Muirhead (North Carolina), Joe-Dan Farm and George Chestnut (Pennsylvania), Franklin "Goree" Smith (South Carolina) and Morgan's Ford Farm (Virginia).

Scheduled: For Sunday, Oct. 30, the Canter for a Cause public riding opportunity at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore, Md. The event allows the public to walk, trot, canter, or gallop their favorite horse or pony on the track. Sponsored by the Maryland Jockey Club, Canter for a Cause runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. rain or shine. Registration is $60 per trip, with proceeds going to benefit the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance. Entries will be taken in four groups–Seabiscuit (walk, trot, canter, gallop), Secretariat (walk, trot, slow canter), War Admiral (walk and trot) and Ben's Cat (lead line). Each registrant will be assigned a ride time, requests to ride with friends should be made in advance. Participants will also have their pictures taken by the official track photographer in the winner's circle. All horses must have proof of a negative Coggins test within 12 months. All riders must sign a waiver and wear approved helmets, and riders under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. No colts, stallions or ridglings are allowed. Registration closes Monday, Oct. 24 at 5 p.m. Space is limited, and the entry deadline is firm. To register and pay by credit card, call the Pimlico ticket office at (877) 206-8042. See usponyracing.com for more.

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Koko Star, HISA, and the claim that wasn't: When Scott Haney and Dorothy Worton claimed Koko Star in August, they were excited. Then it all went sideways, leaving them frustrated, and horseless. Frank Vespe reports.

For track announcer Jason Beem, butterflies, then confidence: Ready to call his third Virginia Derby, Colonial Downs track announcer Jason Beem told Vespe of big race nerves, "The waiting is the hardest part."

WV-bred champ Star of Night retired: Ted Black reported on the retirement of Star of Night, a daughter of Creative Cause who became a two-time West Virginia-bred Horse of the Year.

Top Midlantic-Bred Poll–Just One Time maintains lead: In the first Top Midlantic-bred Poll of the year combining horses of all ages, Grade 1 winner Just One Time maintained her lead, while newcomers made an impact.

Backtracks–Big Tough Twixt: Maryland-bred Twixt took on all comers in a 70-race career that saw her win graded stakes from coast to coast. Jennifer Kelly looks at her career.

STALLION NEWS

Brody's Cause joins Equistar roster

Brody's Cause, ranked in the top 20 among the nation's third-crop sires, will stand at Equistar Training and Breeding in Annville, Pa., in 2023 after being acquired by Rodney Eckenrode. The stud fee for the multiple Grade 1 winner and Grade 1 sire is $3,500. The 9-year-old son of Giant's Causeway formerly stood at Spendthrift Farm in Kentucky.

One of only two horses to win Keeneland's top races for 2- and 3-year-olds on dirt since Round Table in 1957, Brody's Cause entered stud in 2017 after winning three of eight starts and earning $1,168,138. His two Grade 1 wins at Keeneland came in the Claiborne Breeders' Futurity at 2 and the Blue Grass Stakes at 3. He was third in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile-G1 at Keeneland behind champion Nyquist.

Brody's Cause's first crop included five stakes performers, four graded, from 26 starters in 2020. The group included Sittin On Go, who captured Churchill Downs' Iroquois-G3; stakes winner Kalypso; Best Pal-G2 runner-up Girther; Smiley Sobotka, second in Churchill's Kentucky Jockey Club-G2; and two-time stakes-placed Gospel Way. Of the stallion's eight black-type runners, seven were stakes performers at 2.

Brody's Cause has 2022 progeny earnings in excess of $1.8 million through mid-September, which places him among the top 10 in the Mid-Atlantic. He has 43 current 2-year-olds and in 2021 covered his largest book of 147 mares.

Brody's Cause is from the family of Secretariat and Cure the Blues. His dam, stakes-placed Sweet Breanna, is by the Mr. Prospector stallion Sahm. Second dam, graded winner Sweet Roberta, was second in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies-G1. The family traces back to Quick Cure (his fourth dam), dam of Grade 1 winner and sire Cure the Blues. She in turn is out of Speedwell (by Bold Ruler), a half-sister to Somethingroyal, the dam of Secretariat (by Bold Ruler).

Hoppertunity takes freshmen lead

The first of a rash of winners for Northview Stallion Station's freshman sire Hoppertunity started on the Pennsylvania Day at the Races card with Game Seven's 5-length romp Aug. 22.

A $130,000 purchase at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-old sale in May, Game Seven shipped to Parx from Saratoga for trainer Todd Pletcher and handled eight others in the 5½-furlong maiden special weight. Owned by Bregman Family Racing, stable name of Houston Astros star third baseman Alex Bregman, and Jackpot Farm, the winner is out of Quality Silver (by Eurosilver), a half-sister to Eclipse Award-winning female sprinter Shamrock Rose. The bay colt was bred in Pennsylvania by Best A Luck Farm.

Over the next three weeks, four more Hoppertunity offspring won maiden special weights around the region, which shot the 11-year-old stallion to the top of the Mid-Atlantic's freshmen sires list with five winners from 14 starters.

The richest stallion to enter stud in the region with $4,712,625 in earnings, Hoppertunity began his career at Northview Stallion Station's Pennsylvania division in Peach Bottom, where he covered 129 mares in 2019, the most of any Mid-Atlantic stallion that year. He has 81 foals in his current crop of 2-year-olds. The son of Any Given Saturday moved to Chesapeake City when Northview consolidated its operations to Maryland in 2020. Hoppertunity is out of graded stakes-placed Refugee (by Unaccounted For), also the dam of multiple Grade 1-winning juvenile filly Executiveprivilege and stakes winners Leader of Men and Cowboy's Hero. Hoppertunity's third dam is Hall of Famer Davona Dale.

Top Mid-Atlantic sires of 2022

Based on 2022 earnings through Sept. 19

(D-deceased)

General earnings

Sire	*rnrs*	*wnrs*	*earnings*
Great Notion (Md)	99	45	$3,106,675
Wicked Strong (Pa)	145	68	2,697,276
Jump Start (Pa-D)	93	48	2,471,570
Uncle Lino (Md)	77	43	2,310,401
Golden Lad (Md)	82	45	2,130,435
Fiber Sonde (WV)	61	36	1,993,627
Mosler (Md)	76	39	1,958,643
Brody's Cause (Pa)	92	39	1,874,645
Weigelia (Pa)	53	35	1,741,563
Bourbon Courage (Md)	59	28	1,727,270
Divining Rod (Md)	59	25	1,687,852
Windsor Castle (WV-D)	77	45	1,572,359
Bandbox (Md-D)	48	24	1,558,140
Warrior's Reward (Pa)	84	40	1,321,275
Imagining (Md-D)	58	24	1,213,619
Blofeld (Md)	31	24	1,203,275
Peace and Justice (Pa)	46	21	1,036,052
Holy Boss (Md)	36	17	1,007,744
Uptowncharlybrown (Pa)	55	17	1,007,123
Super Ninety Nine (Pa)	32	18	818,590

2-year-old earnings

Sire	*rnrs*	*wnrs*	*earnings*
Blofeld (Md)	13	7	$259,268
Great Notion (Md)	13	6	247,999
Uptowncharlybrown (Pa)	16	4	212,937
†Hoppertunity (Md)	14	5	196,876
Bourbon Courage (Md)	7	4	173,619
Holy Boss (Md)	9	4	165,442
†Sea Wizard (NJ)	5	2	154,942
Golden Lad (Md)	11	3	147,990
Weigelia (Pa)	6	4	142,284
Mosler (Md)	7	4	139,430

† Freshman sire

Maryland sire Imagining dies

Imagining, a Grade 1-winning millionaire who sired 2020 Maryland Million Classic winner Monday Morning Qb in his first crop, died Aug. 23 from complications from colic. The 14-year-old stallion stood at Grace and Louis Merryman's Anchor and Hope Farm in Port Deposit, Md.

A son of Giant's Causeway, Imagining was out of A.P. Indy's multiple graded stakes-winning daughter Daydreaming, a

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full-sister to Grade 1 winner Girolamo and graded stakes winner Accelerator, as well as Supercharger, the dam of 2010 Kentucky Derby-G1 winner Super Saver. His female line traced back to champion Numbered Account, his fourth dam.

For his breeder, Phipps Stable, and trainer Shug McGaughey, Imagining spent most of his 26-race career in graded stakes. His biggest score came in the 2014 Man o' War Stakes-G1 at Belmont Park. Imagining recorded nine wins, five seconds and two thirds while earning $1,177,394.

Imagining entered stud in Chesapeake City with Heritage Stallions, a partnership between Louis Merryman and Drs. Thomas and Brooke Bowman, where he stood for two seasons before the dissolution of the partnership. Starting with the 2018 season, he stood at Anchor and Hope Farm.

Imagining has more than 50 winners in his four crops of racing age, with lifetime progeny earnings of nearly $4 million. Through mid-September he ranked eighth on the 2022 Maryland sires list with $1.2 million. He has 32 foals in his current crop of 2-year-olds.

Mid-Atlantic-Bred Stakes Winners August 7–September 10

Maryland-bred

ALOTTAHOPE, b.g., 2019, Editorial—Alottalute, by Midnight Lute. B-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman & Dr. Brooke Bowman; O-No Guts No Glory Farm; T-John J. Robb. $250,000 Robert Hilton Memorial S, Charles Town, Aug. 26.

BANDITS HEART, dk.b./br.c., 2020, Mosler—Onearmedbandit, by No Armistice. B/O-No Guts No Glory Farm; T-John J. Robb. $50,000 Dover S, Delaware, Sept. 1.

BREVIARY, ch.m., 2017, Super Ninety Nine—Taconic Victory, by Eddington. B-Spendthrift Farm; O/T-Mario Serey Jr. $125,000 Timonium Distaff S, Timonium, Aug. 27.

FILLE D'ESPRIT, b.m., 2016, Great Notion—Sweet Valor, by No Armistice. B-Sweet Spirits Stables; O-C J I Phoenix Group & No Guts No Glory Farm; T-John J. Robb. $150,000 Seeking the Pearl S, Colonial, Aug. 16.

LA CASTIGLIONE, b.f., 2018, Uncle Lino—Perverse, by Distorted Humor. B-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Dr. Brooke Bowman & Rebecca Davis; O-Jeff Jacobs; T-Juan Q. Gutierrez. $25,000 Arizona Downs Distaff S, Arizona, Aug. 15.

MY THOUGHTS, b.f., 2019, Editorial—Be My Love, by With Distinction. B/O-Harry Kassap; T-Tim Woolley. $50,000 Fort Indiantown Gap S, Penn National, Aug. 19.

SIMPLY SUPER, dk.b./br.c., 2020, Super Saver—So You Know, by Jump Start. B-Emcee Stable; O-Maxis Stable; T-Michael J. Maker. $100,000 Hickory Tree S, Colonial, Aug. 9.

SPUN GLASS, ch.m., 2017, Hard Spun—Allwewantforxmas, by Songandaprayer. B/O-R. Larry Johnson; T-Michael J. Trombetta. $100,000 Camptown S, Colonial, Sept. 7.

New Jersey-bred

HE'SPUREGOLD, b.g., 2018, Vancouver (Aus)—Smart N Classy, by Smart Strike. B/O-John Bowers Jr.; T-Kelly J. Breen. $125,000 Charles Hesse III H, Monmouth Park, Aug. 28.

I CAN RUN, dk.b./br.f., 2019, Tourist—Hana J, by Peaks and Valleys. B-Bright View Farm; O-Robert D. Bone & Magic Stable; T-Claudio A. Gonzalez. $100,000 Eleven North H, Monmouth Park, Aug. 28.

SPEAKING, dk.b./br.g., 2019, Mr Speaker—High Noon Nellie, by Silver Deputy. B/O-Holly Crest Farm; T-Eddie Owens Jr. $100,000 New Jersey Breeders H, Monmouth Park, Aug. 28.

Pennsylvania-bred

CARAVEL, gr./ro.m., 2017, Mizzen Mast—Zeezee Zoomzoom, by Congrats. B-Elizabeth M. Merryman; O-Qatar Racing, Marc Detampel & Madaket Stables; T-Brad H. Cox. $150,000 Smart and Fancy S, Saratoga, Aug. 20.

DOLLARIZATION, gr./ro.g., 2018, Last Gunfighter—Hygh Jacque, by Wheaton. B-William J. Solomon; O-James C. Wolf; T-Timothy C. Kreiser. $50,000 Fabulous Strike S, Penn National, Aug. 19.

FLOR DE SOMBRA, gr./ro.f., 2020, Social Inclusion—On a Star, by Talent Search. B/O-Joseph M. Imbesi; T-Guadalupe Preciado. $100,000 Miss Blue Tye Dye S, Parx, Aug. 22.

FORTHELUVOFBOURBON, b.g., 2017, Bourbon Courage—Nosubstituteforluv, by Not For Love. B-Hidden Acres 4-D Farm; O-Smart Angle; T-Michael V. Pino. $100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S, Parx, Aug. 22.

LEADER OF THE BAND, b.f., 2018, Bandbox—Catsuit, by Sir Cat. B/O-SMD Limited; T-John C. Servis. $135,000 Summer Colony S, Saratoga, Aug. 19.

LOVE IN THE AIR, dk.b./br.f., 2018, Constitution—Lovely Syn, by Freud. B-Blackstone Farm; O-Main Line Racing Stable; T-John C. Servis. $100,000 Mrs. Penny S, Parx, Aug. 22.

MIDNIGHT HAULER, b.g., 2016, Seville (Ger)—Savage Beauty, by Joyeux Danseur. B-Elizabeth R. Houghton; O-Sylmar Farm; T-T. Bernard Houghton. $50,000 Lebanon Valley S, Penn National, Aug. 19.

NINETYPRCENTMADDIE, b.c., 2020, Weigelia—Amblin Easy, by Private Interview. B/O-LC Racing; T-Robert E. Reid Jr. $100,000 Whistle Pig S, Parx, Aug. 22.

REMAIN ANONYMOUS, b.m., 2017, Tapiture—Secret Witness, by Tiznow. B-Horseshoe Valley Equine Center; O-Sanford J. Goldfarb; T-Robert N. Falcone Jr. $100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S, Parx, Aug. 22.

SMOOTH B, b.h., 2015, Weigelia—Katarica Disco, by Disco Rico. B-St. Omers Farm & Wynoaks Farm; O-LC Racing; T-Robert E. Reid Jr. $100,000 Marshall Jenney H, Parx, Aug. 22.

TITOSCHANGEDMYLUCK, dk.b./br.f., 2020, Social Inclusion—Tiztito, by Tiznow. B-James Lee Lawrence II & Matthew Schera; O-Matthew Schera & Lawrence Stable; T-James L. Lawrence II. $100,000 Keswick S, Colonial, Aug. 9.

TOO BOSS, gr./ro.c., 2018, El Padrino—Bossy Posse, by Posse. B-Mr. & Mrs. Michael Joseph Cascio; O-Michael Joseph Cascio; T-Todd A. Pletcher. $100,000 Storm Cat S, Parx, Aug. 22.

South Carolina-bred

SWAYIN TO AND FRO, dk.b./br.f., 2019, Straight Talking—Jungle Lady, by Warrior's Reward. B-Franklin G. Smith Sr.; O-Baxter Racing Stable; T-Mario Serey Jr. $75,000 Shine Again S, Pimlico, Sept. 10.

Virginia-bred

BOLDOR, b.g., 2016, Munnings—Senate Caucus, by Siphon (Brz). B-Carlos S.E. Moore & Gillian Gordon-Moore; O-Ed Orr & Susie Orr; T-Steven M. Asmussen. $150,000 Meadow Stable S, Colonial, Sept. 7.

GIGANTE, b.c., 2020, Not This Time—Summertime Green, by Empire Maker. B-Ann Mudge Backer & Smitten Farm; O-Iapetus Racing & Diamond T Racing; T-Steven M. Asmussen. $125,000 Kitten's Joy, Colonial, Sept. 6.

GREEN UP, dk.b./br.f., 2019, Upstart—Green Punch, by Two Punch. B-Althea Richards; O-Team Valor International; T-Todd A. Pletcher. $150,000 Cathryn Sophia S, Parx, Aug. 23.

SENDERO, b.c., 2020, City of Light—Trishas Even, by Even the Score. B-Knockgriffin Farm; O-Harrell Ventures; T-Todd A. Pletcher. $125,000 Jamestown S, Colonial, Sept. 7.

West Virginia-bred

FANCY CONCHO, gr./ro.g., 2017, Fiber Sonde—Shes Pretty Fancy, by My Boy Adam. B-Tim Grams & Judith Grams; O-Grams Racing Stable; T-Timothy C. Grams. $75,000 Frank Gall Memorial S, Charles Town, Aug. 26.

GOODNESS GRACIOUS, b.f., 2019, Golden Years—Alleglory, by Algorithms. B/O-O'Sullivan Farms; T-Javier Contreras. $50,000 Shenandoah S, Charles Town, Aug. 26.

HYPOTHESIS, b.g., 2017, Algorithms—Ideal Thoughts, by Not For Love. B-Francis W. Daniel III; O-Jill Daniel; T-Crystal G. Pickett. $50,000 Potomac S, Charles Town, Aug. 26.

THE SKY IS FALLING, dk.b./br.f., 2019, Cupid—Miss Henny Penny, by Half Ours. B-Catherine K. Jennings & Scott Mallory; O-David M. Raim; T-Jeff C. Runco. $75,000 Sadie Hawkins S, Charles Town, Aug. 26.

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Kings Canyon

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Picture this. Retired Thoroughbreds researching retirement communities and planning their golden years. After Googling "OTTB," "Foxhunting," "Amenities," "Five-Star Care," "Mid-Atlantic," they hit the mother lode. Oh yeah, this is it—they're going to Jeff and Michelle Rosenkilde's Hunting Fields Farm in Monkton, Md.

It's that uber-prolific pipeline in Maryland's Baltimore and Harford counties. Everyone knows everyone, and nearly everyone hunts. Most have done it their whole lives, many with their parents. A horse wasn't much on the racetrack? No worries, someone is always looking for something nice to ride, a new project, or a mentor/babysitter for young horses.

And if you know Michelle Rosenkilde, you know that's exactly how she thinks. A horse would be hard-pressed to find a better scenario.

Irish import Kings Canyon (Ire) landed in that sweet spot four years ago. The chestnut son of English-bred Stowaway and the Irish mare Hurricane Debbie was bred by Ronald O'Neill and foaled May 29, 2006. His seven starts yielded unremarkable statistics of 1-1-1 and $5,388. He ran six times in Ireland and England—the last two for American owner Irv Naylor—with the only win at Carlisle in a novice hurdle in December 2011. His resume shows pull-ups, and in his last race before coming to the United States, he finished a dismal 22nd in a handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse.

His lone North American start came on the Winterthur card in May 2013 for Naylor and new trainer Billy Meister. Kings Canyon finished third, of four finishers, going 3¼ miles over timber with apprentice Nick Carter aboard. The chart states he "stumbled at the second-last fence and was done."

As a racehorse. But plenty of options await a big, solid Irish horse who can jump. Given time to heal a bowed tendon, he resurfaced with the Hillsboro Hounds in Lynnville, Tenn., and crossed paths with Robin Dahl Owens.

"The master of that hunt liked to whip, but Kings Canyon wasn't quick enough for that," she said. "I would hunt with his wife, and I rode the horse quite a few times and got along with him really well."

Owens bought the horse and took him from the Nashville area to Lexington, Ky., after she married Cobra Farm manager Mike Owens, before ultimately deciding she wanted to get back into showing jumpers rather than foxhunting.

"I felt like hunting was what he knew, and he was good at it. He's a big guy and he's super comfortable," she said. "He was a little on the lazy side. He'll jump anything, but he didn't want to go first-flight fast or any of that. But he was great at hanging out, hilltopping, second flight or any of that kind of thing. He was really fun to trail ride and just go larking over the fences, because jumping was not a problem for him. He had been in a hurry most of his life, and he was ready to kick back. And I didn't blame him."

Owens sent the gelding to Maryland to her son, steeplechase jockey Gus

Dahl, who was living at the Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club at the time. The plan was for Dahl to put more polish on the horse, get him out and seen among the locals and sold to a suitable home.

"Gus is so well-connected and such a beautiful rider," Michelle Rosenkilde said. "He called me up one day and said, 'I've got this really nice horse.' I went over to look at him and said 'Dammmnn.' He looks like a warmblood, he's so big and beautiful."

While stabled at the hunt club, Kings Canyon took the occasional unaccompanied foray into the surrounding countryside. Michelle remembers a social-media post alerting the area that the gelding was having a spin around the neighborhood.

The Facebook post stated, "There is a chestnut horse with a green Rambo on running down Pocock Road." Kings Canyon was simply jumping out of paddocks at the hunt club, and perhaps checking out potential new homes.

Michelle contacted friends she thought would be interested in the horse. Just before the sale was finalized, Kings Canyon got kicked while turned out. Although not serious, the injury torpedoed the transaction.

This got Michelle's wheels turning, not a huge surprise to Dahl or anyone who knows her. Certain he would be perfect for husband Jeff, Michelle told Dahl he could bring the horse to Hunting Fields. His retirement home was secured; once with the Rosenkildes, horses rarely, if ever, leave. It almost makes you wonder if Kings Canyon knew exactly what he was doing.

Michelle always has a squadron of young riders, predominantly female, who help at Hunting Fields in exchange for riding and hunting opportunities. In no time, Kings Canyon became the most coveted mount in the barn.

"He's the horse that everybody fights over. He just does everything perfectly," she said. "He literally will stand in the crossties and not move a muscle. Anybody can do anything with that horse on the ground. He never gets anxious and does everything you ask of him. He's just really, really cool."

He's also the perfect horse for Michelle, who—despite years in the hunt field—considers herself "not a real brave rider." She recounted a story about one day out hunting when the group came upon a fallen tree.

"I just take it easy in the back of the field. My friend was with me, and she was leading second or third field. I see everyone ahead of me heading into a huge, downed tree. And I was like 'Oh Godddd.' But we just trotted right down and went over it. It didn't even feel like a jump; I couldn't believe it. He takes such good care of you. He's very, very safe."

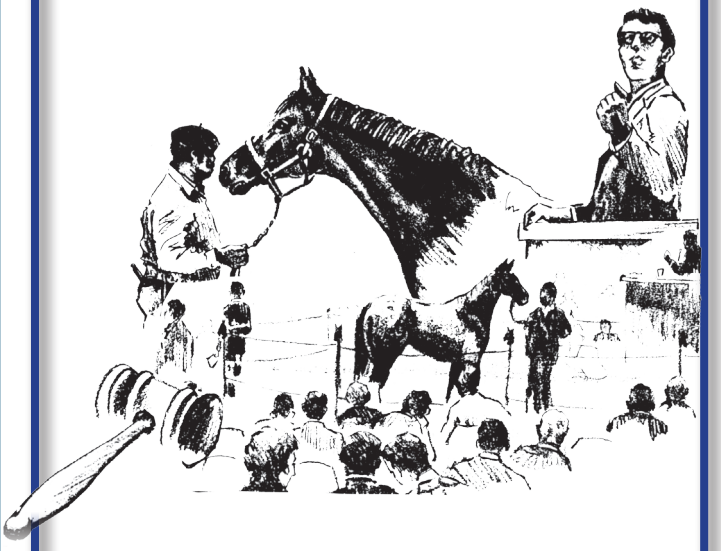
He also loves mud and softer ground. When many riders choose to sit out a wet day, Michelle and Kings Canyon relish the deeper going.

Safe and reliable, yes. But both Rosenkildes remember the first time one of their toddler grandchildren wanted to get close.

"It's bizarre the way he loves our grandkids. They are always wanting to lead King around. They're 3 and 2, and it gives us a heart attack because he is a really big horse. But we end up having pictures of him with the kids on our Christmas cards."

So, how has Jeff enjoyed having such a stellar hunter at his disposal?

"Well," Michelle laughed. "I say King is Jeff's horse. . . but I don't think he's ever sat on him." ◆



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Hang in there, racing people

Give director of publications Barrie Reightler credit for the quip. In response to a simple "How's it going?" she replied, "I'm hanging in there. . . but the thread is getting thin." I nearly spit out my tea. I don't think she intended to do so, but she basically spoke for the entire Thoroughbred industry–publications, racetracks, farms, trainers, breeders, owners, buyers, sellers, whatever.

It just feels like we're hanging in there, all of us. Even in the face of good news on multiple fronts–shout out to Colonial Downs, freshman sire Hoppertunity, second-crop sire Divining Rod, the Charles Town Classic, Timonium's popular meet and so on–the pace of Thoroughbred racing can wear on a person. Face it, the industry never stops and that's a challenge for the people in it.

Reightler was talking about our harried deadline process and the art of playing Whac-A-Mole with articles, advertisements, photos, page counts and all the rest but she could have been addressing mares, foals, weanlings, yearlings, 2-year-olds, racehorses, stallions, racing dates, track surfaces, leadership changes, sales (of horses, racetracks, farms), trucks, trailers, feed bills, blacksmiths . . . deep breath . . . state legislation, federal legislation, breeders' bonuses, aftercare, staffing issues and the never-ending list of details in this sport.

So how's it going on your end?

Over at Anchor and Hope Farm, Grace and Louis Merryman are coming to grips with the loss of Imagining. The 14-year-old stallion died of colic in August, halting a solid if not exactly electric stallion career. The big chestnut was always a favorite of mine, ever since he blasted down the shedrow at the Pimlico Race Course stakes barn in 2013. Kentucky Derby winner Orb was there, but Imagining announced himself and sent people scattering in various directions. His trainer Shug McGaughey, as only he could, tried to explain. "That's Imagining," he said as the horse dragged a hotwalker down the path. "Got a lot of ability. Big, chestnut horse. He might be OK. . . Look out." The son of Giant's Causeway finished 10th as the favorite in the Dixie Stakes-G2 a few days later, but blossomed into a Grade 1 winner and hard-knocking distance turf horse. Imagining was never going to be a Kentucky stallion, but he fit in Maryland. He outlasted his first home, Heritage Stallions in Chesapeake City, then moved to Port Deposit's Anchor and Hope where he survived a barn fire–and had the scars to prove it. He couldn't outrun colic, however, and I'm going to miss him. I'm sure Grace and Louis are too.

Near my home in Fair Hill, they're building the various temporary seating and other structures needed to host the Maryland Five Star international eventing competition this month. Refurbished by the State of Maryland, the historic facility includes three infield show rings, a 1-mile turf course and big aspirations. Of course, the turf remains unused. No one has solved the issue of a course crossing needed to access the rings with heavy equipment. Racing last occurred in 2019. There's a chance it'll return in 2023.

On the topic of Maryland racetracks, consider Pimlico. Like Fair Hill, the host of the Preakness Stakes is destined for a complete rebuild. Or so the proposals, renderings and models say. Plenty of people call the expense involved a waste of money. I'm not among them, mostly because that money won't get spent on racing otherwise, the country has lost enough urban racetracks and the Preakness should be in Baltimore.

How is the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Alliance working out? Like any first-time starter, this one is a little green. See theracingbiz.com for a story about a voided claim that shouldn't have been voided at Colonial Downs. Ask the connections of Drafted about a dubious disqualification from purse money in a Grade 1 stakes at Saratoga. HISA is racing's best chance at a national governing body. It has to work. But fix it.

Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's annual fall yearling sale comes to Timonium this month. The Thoroughbred sales market seems stronger than ever. Seems. I can't help but worry about a top-heavy environment where a small foal crop drives demand (and prices) while at the same time pushes out owners and trainers who can't afford to bid/buy at the top of the market.

Though October brings relief, the region's summer racing calendar sometimes feels like the boardwalk on the Fourth of July. Crowded. Racing occurred at 11 regional tracks this summer–Charles Town, Colonial Downs, Delaware Park, Laurel Park, Monmouth Park, Mountaineer, Parx Racing, Penn National, Pimlico, Presque Isle Downs and Timonium. Obviously, they didn't all run on the same days but that's some list. Where does that schedule go in 10 years?

All those and more weigh on racing people. Bear with them. The thread gets thin sometimes. ◆

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Hero's Hour

Five-time Maryland Million winner Keefe makes impact on regional racing

By Vinnie Perrone

IN THIS ISSUE OF "THE NOBLE ADVENTURES OF CRAMBO" . . .

The Maryland horse trainer flies cape-less to rescue a son in peril . . . emerges through the smoky ruins of a Virginia farm to aid a friend . . . gives away the only three-time Maryland Million Classic winner for the good of children . . . leads the state's Thoroughbred horsemen through uncharted terrain . . . completes two Ironman triathlons to grace retired racehorses . . . and more!

A PLAINCLOTHES CRUSADER:

"That's what we do," mild-mannered Tim Keefe said, read as a veiled admission that he and Crambo draw the same breath. He wore no mask, no tights, no crepe-taut jersey with a capital C; rather, gym shorts, T-shirt and cuffed-up fleece sweat-jacket on the Laurel Park grandstand apron one mid-August morning, the orange dazzle blanched from a comic-book sunrise. Fifty-five in human years, Keefe had no two-way watch radio, either; instead, a compact walkie-talkie, there on a cafe table where he sat, for brief exchanges with barn associates as sets of his 35 horses thumpety-thumped through racetrack dirt and jogged back. Two months to blastoff, he said he'd primed four runners for the Oct. 22 Jim McKay Maryland Million on that very launching pad.

ONCE, AT A RACETRACK FAR, FAR AWAY . . .

Keefe himself had looked to soar—over hurdles or not—more than 30 years earlier, when the countdown took him to Janet Elliot's stable at Saratoga Race Course. On the front side of his 20s, he'd ridden four flat races for Elliot by then and figured dedicated barn work would bring a surer leg up. Show up in half a slumber at 3 a.m. to turn horses out? Muck stalls at 5? Bring horses in for rotten weather any time at all? Keefe heeded Elliot's firm dictums for duty and potential horse-backing payoff.

Fellow jump-jock upstarts Sean Clancy and Chip Miller, Keefe and two others shared a nearby "flophouse" (Clancy's words) fit for racetrack access and off-time frolics. But staunch demands through twisted hours made Keefe a frequent social scratch that summer of '91.

CRAMBO IS BORN:

The crew routinely swapped racing notes and backstretch tales with steeplechase rider Danny Warrington, who offered thumbnails on jumpers in Jonathan Sheppard's swanky barn and tagged a certain 4-year-old Pennsylvania-bred by Carnivalay. "He's a grumpy, miserable kind of horse," Warrington said of Dum Crambo, "but you know there's some good in him."

Clancy considered his sleep-deprived housemate, fused the link, dubbed Keefe Tim Crambo; eventually, just Crambo.

THOUGHT CLOUD-THANKS, SEAN:

Keefe first addressed the nickname as something like a bone spavin—unwelcome and hard to fix. But three decades made the clang a chime. Better yet, a time-stamp to his professional growth story, a cheeky reminder of youthful notions, scotched ambitions, happy detours.

For all his unfettered loyalty that Saratoga summer, Keefe's only access to a race saddle involved a sponge and soap. But he absorbed Elliot's steadfast methods, her devoted caretaking, her inspiring asides, and left upstate New York a wiser horseman. For the first time in more than decade, he started to rethink this riding jag, a notion once foreign as a clockwise race. Dum

BARRIE REIGHTLER

Crambo won seven races, and started twice in the Maryland Million Steeplechase. His namesake would outdo him.

IN THE BEGINNING . . .

Inspired by neighbor and steeplechase-riding legend Joe Aitcheson, 11-year-old Tim Keefe found horseback lessons at Bob Beall's Thoroughbred farm, where Burtonsville nuzzles West Laurel. The boy biked here and there but fancied the larger, faster carrier, urges only teased by the rise of Beall's homemade 3-year-old rocket, Dave's Friend.

At 12, Keefe started mucking stalls and cleaning buckets at Bev Fox's stable on Aitcheson Lane, took payment exercising his first Thoroughbreds and other breeds. In time, he and others would hack across Route 198, then one lane each way, and ride the trails around Old Gunpowder Quarry. Back then, he said, you could reach I-95 in Calverton without leaving the bridle path.

He met mile-track exercise rider Becky Atwell at Bev's, competed with the Iron Bridge Pony Club at Avalon Farm in Sandy Spring, moved on to lower-level eventing, graduated from Laurel High in 1985 and enrolled at Averett College in Danville, Va., for its equine studies program.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS:

A college freshman home for Christmas break, he happened into Atwell, who mentioned work opportunities as a Laurel Park exercise rider. Before the year turned, Keefe found no better equine studies than those spent galloping race-primed Thoroughbreds for Jack and Gretchen Mobberley and sampling their backstretch doings.

He learned more than horsemanship. Keefe said he arrived at Barn 9 early one morning, more than two dozen stalls filled and a single groom to mind them. The Mobberleys pulled up in their brown Mercedes; Jack got out with a Styrofoam coffee cup in one hand and an ashy cigarette in the other. When Keefe delivered the grim horse-to-human truth, Mobberley worked a half-grin and said, "Son, what we don't get out today, we'll get out tomorrow."

ANOTHER LESSON . . . IN BRIEF:

The racetrack tug irresistible, Keefe transferred to Prince George's Community College for a year, then to University of Maryland. Living home with his mom after his parents divorced, he had access to Laurel Park and other vital destinations. He schooled and rode and tended horses at Summer Hill Farm, the Mobberleys' place in West Friendship, instruction always paramount. Keefe's work with a yearling there deemed improvable one summer afternoon. Gretchen, cutting grass in a bikini, drove the rider-mower toward him, parked it, walked into the ring and demonstrated proper technique.

"It might not have been conventional," Keefe said, "but the horse did what he was supposed to do."

HE'S HERE. HE'S THERE. HE'S EVERYWHERE!

Qualifying for the national combined training camp (dressage and show jumping), Keefe would trailer the cross-bred mare Chamich [sha-MEESH] to Church Mouse Meadows in Churchville to train under Trish Gilbert. She and husband Billy also broke yearlings. "Hey, sonny," Billy told Keefe, "if you wanna get on some babies, come on up." And so he did.

"I know it sounds like I was just some nut goin' all over the place," Keefe said. "But, in hindsight, it was great for me."

Greater yet after he met Trish's daughter, Rumsey, and—Shazam!—discovered something besides a streaming horse that made the heart beat fast. Said Clancy, "He was just bananas over that girl."

At Laurel Park, Keefe moved from Mobberley's stable to Jimmy Murphy's to Ron Cartwright's. When Keefe mentioned a forthcoming final exam at Maryland, Cartwright leaned back in his office chair, hands clasped behind his head. "Tell me," he said with a dash of British logic. "What are you gonna do when you graduate?"

"I'm gonna be a horse trainer just like you, Mr. Cartwright."

"What are you going to school for then?"

GRADUATION DAYS:

Over six years and three colleges, Keefe got a degree in agricultural business and economics. He gained insight into financial management, accounting, an owner's bottom-line perspective.

His dad, Robert, a 30-year procurement head at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, advised a government job that rewarded loyalty with grade and step increases, a lead-pipe pension. (Tim's brother Pat heeded the call and staked a career with the U.S. Marshals Service.) With weekends off, dad further instructed, you can go to the races.

Tim was 7 when Dad returned home one November Saturday with word that he'd hit the triple in the Grade 1 Washington, D.C., International. Whatever that meant, it seemed to make his father happy.

"He loved going out in the mornings," Tim said. "He loved being around the horses. He loved walking 'em, loved grazing 'em. But he still liked the idea of a 9-to-5 job."

NEW WORLDS EXPLORED:

Work hours went haywire that Saratoga summer of '91, which proved a pivotal junction: Sean Clancy hurdled into steeplechase relevance that year with 14 wins and nearly $180,000 in purses; Chip Miller rode the first of his 211 scores; Keefe, as Crambo,

Stabled at Laurel Park, a 22-minute drive from home, Tim Keefe watches his charges train each morning and handles the details such as a conversation with jockey Forest Boyce and a moment with the Maryland Million-eligible Coconut Cake.

JERRY DZIERWINSKI (3)

saw a future aiming for the flat and NASA man Robert Keefe redefined his orbit. Within a year, he bought two racing-age horses at the Timonium auction for his son to train.

In July 1993, Tim sent out his first flat winner, Via Hawaii, at Laurel. Two months later, he and Clancy teamed up to win an optional claimer over hurdles with Goferitstutz at the Foxfield Races in Charlottesville, Va. By early November, they aimed at the $25,000 Noel Laing Stakes over the historic brush course at Montpelier. Clancy had offers to ride at Callaway Gardens in Georgia the same day, a race worth triple the Laing, and spent a long time mulling options. "Crambo's the only one who gives a [care] where I ride," he finally reckoned, then rallied Goferitstutz to a 2-length win in a field of 10.

A certain scholarship followed Via Hawaii and Goferitstutz: Both belonged to Contrarian Stables, the nom de course of Malcolm Commer, Keefe's economics and equine studies professor at Maryland.

Keefe saddled the first of five Maryland Million stakes winners in 1994 with the Carnivalay-sired Anarex, delighting Bill and Phyllis Dixon, who owned and bred her, and punters brazen enough to tab a 35-1 shot in the Distaff Starter Handicap.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGGIN':

A small-animal vet named Dr. Brown gave Keefe horses to train and a place to stay in the basement of his Burtonsville home. Rumsey was there a lot, and Clancy showed up one day concussed, unsure and disconsolate. Could he spend the night?

How many falls can a guy take before rethinking this jump-riding business? he asked his friend. Clancy had become a steeplechase mainstay unsure about staying, short-term thrills inviting long-term ills. He and brother Joe (this magazine's editor) had talked about launching a chronicle, *Steeplechase Times*, for needed posts about the sport. Crambo talked some, listened more. Dr. Brown had a small spare room off the basement. Clancy stayed a week.

He and Keefe went to the barn in the mornings, to the races in the afternoon. The Crambo born of fatigue at Saratoga had become a quiet force at Laurel, Clancy observed, understanding but driven, polite but firm. An everyday hero.

"It was therapeutic just to be with him," Clancy said. "He got me going again."

By 2001, Clancy had left the saddle, finding new heights with written words. He spoke a few sparklers too as best man at Tim's and Rumsey's wedding. The couple bought 27-acre Avalon Farm, built a stable of children and horses and preserved the Iron Bridge Pony Club doings that had shaped and inspired.

A STRANGE ARRIVAL:

In 2004, Allen and Audrey Murray of Murmur Farm sent Keefe a homebred to train, a dark, gangly Yarrow Brae 2-year-old with iffy conformation. "You wouldn't have given a thousand for him," Keefe said. "But I couldn't tell the Murrays to take him back, so we gave him a shot."

Celtic Innis finished third in his Pimlico debut that November, then second, then first. He ran as if pursued, which often happened, became a stakes winner the following April and a regional dash sensation across six seasons. Beginning in 2008, the year he won the Maryland Million Sprint Handicap, he finished third or better 12 consecutive times against the region's peppiest speedsters.

"The lesson I learned," Keefe said. "You don't judge a book by its cover."

CAPTAIN ACTION:

An underdog with purpose—Keefe donned such a cloak in 2005 as a new director of the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association. Why a respectful, reserved, mostly non-confrontational trainer would seek election to a board marked by plainspoken skirmishes, he said, "I always felt that if you want to have a stake in the game, you've got to put in the time and effort. You can't just sit back and be a Monday-morning quarterback and complain about things if you're not gonna be part of the process." So he later joined the boards of Maryland Million Ltd., and the state horsemen's assistance fund as well.

If Clancy had found any doubters about Crambo's ability to lead, he would have told them: Don't confuse his kindness for weakness.

THEN, ON A SHOPPING TRIP . . .

As Celtic Innis gave life to hope, Keefe hit the 2007 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale at Timonium with a shopping list for chat-happy horse owner Arnold Heft, one-time minor-league pitcher, NBA referee, Washington Bullets co-owner and real-estate entrepreneur. Keefe leafed through the catalog and found one auction item Heft might like for wife Sylvia. The colt, by Maryland Million-leading stallion Not For Love, was co-bred by David and JoAnn Hayden's Dark Hollow Farm and Graham and Anita Motion's Herringswell Stables.

"Maryland Million is my favorite racing day of the year," Keefe said. "The Maryland Million was always my number-one priority. When I go to the sales in Florida, Kentucky, here at Timonium, I always look at the Maryland-breds. If they're Maryland-sired, even better."

He engaged the bidding on the chestnut with a narrow, slightly crooked stripe and two socks in back. Heft, on the other end of a cellphone and typically glib as the bidding topped $40,000, told Keefe to go straight to 50, not to nickel-and-dime upward. Keefe went to 42, another bidder 45, Keefe 47. The hammer fell.

The Keefes (from left) Tim, Rumsey, and daughters Carlin and Ryan, check on the horses at the farm; and pause for a moment with the dogs in front of the 19th-century farmhouse. Ryan Keefe, who spent the summer working for Hall of Fame trainer Mark Casse at Saratoga, spends time with the Maryland-bred Point Nemo, now an event horse, while giving Apollo the mini a scratch.

Heft considered the bottom side of his acquisition—stakes-placed mare Too Fast to Catch (by Nice Catch)—and named him Eighttofasttocatch for the Washington Capitals' hotshot hockey winger Alex Ovechkin in jersey No. 8. He and Keefe spoke daily about "Catcher" and Heft's other runners, the trainer reluctantly calling him Arnie as advised and playfully reminding Arnie that he'd saved the owner $3,000 at auction.

THE CLOCK KEEPS TICKING . . .

Heft was past 90 when Keefe phoned one day to say he'd bought two weanlings, under budget. "Weanlings?" the owner declared. "At my age, I don't even buy green bananas anymore." They laughed.

After months of racehorse updates, Keefe started hearing a strange echo to Heft's words and asked about it. "I'm in the bathroom," Heft whispered. "I don't want Sylvia to know how many horses she has."

Catcher proved a wise allowance-level buy, but strode in the shadow of Red's Round Table, a daughter of Cuvee who won four straight stakes for Keefe at 2 and 3. Catcher had a record of 21-4-3-4 on Feb. 16, 2011, when Keefe removed his blinkers and ran him for a $32,000 tag in an optional claiming race. "I wasn't getting anywhere with blinkers on," he said, and the horse promptly explained why. Perspective broadened, he won by nearly 10 lengths and followed that by taking the Harrison E. Johnson Memorial Stakes. That fall, at age 5, Catcher managed his first Maryland Million Classic victory; two years later, with jockey Forest Boyce, his second.

A JOB FOR IRONMAN

How's this for inspiration—Catcher and his stablemates and all the beasts that ever raced compelled Keefe to enter triathlons in 2011 and 2013. Swim 2.4 miles, bike 112 miles and run a 26.2-mile marathon within 17 hours and they call you Ironman. He did it largely to fundraise for Thoroughbred retirement programs; also for insight into the trials of those he saddles, for a better understanding of exertion-wrought wear, for ways to vary training accordingly. Keefe said he finished the Sandusky, Ohio, trial in 11:40 and the Cozumel, Mexico, version in 11:15. Sometime thereafter, he had arthroscopic surgery not to remove a chip but to fix a meniscus tear in his left knee.

THE PLOT THICKENS:

Meantime, as Catcher neared $800,000 in purses, Heft reminded Keefe that he'd always sought a million-dollar winner. At 94, the owner had no timeouts left; Catcher stood his only chance to clear the hurdle.

Eighttofasttocatch managed two more stakes tallies before 2013 ended, pushing his gross to $914,585. The chestnut lolled about Avalon Farm the following March when word conveyed that Heft had died.

For Keefe, the loquacious owner's words and wishes lived. He started getting Catcher fit, trained him with purpose that summer and steeled him for the 2014 Maryland Million Classic. Catcher made the lead at 3-5 and entertained no company on the track or in the books, his third Classic victory a unique achievement. He reached this new frontier with $997,970 in recorded purses—almost a million, but not quite.

"That was Arnie's way of saying, 'One more race,'" Keefe said. He got word to jockey Boyce, who made her way from Fair Grounds racetrack in New Orleans for the reunion.

PUDDLE JUMPER:

Bursts of rain made Laurel a mud bath for the Jennings Handicap, and Catcher delivered a pristine performance, finishing nearly 11 lengths before the runner-up and cuing a bittersweet winner's circle ceremony with Heft's widow, Sylvia, and three generations of family.

"Arnie's swan song," Keefe said, still affected by the epilogue. "That was the most emotional race for me."

A WINNING POSTSCRIPT:

With $1,072,970 next to his name, Eighttofasttocatch retired to Avalon Farm, where Rumsey coaxed him toward a second career. Keefe seemed more hopeful than confident of the transition: Celtic Innis was "a rugby player," tough and unflappable, he said, Catcher more sensitive and unsure. "Especially young, he was nervous. Even as he went along, you had to treat him with kid gloves."

Boyce took a tiny bite of a tiny Hershey bar between Laurel Park races and sketched the horse with poetic lines. "He's like the ocean," she said. "When it's really quiet on the surface, there's always something going on underneath."

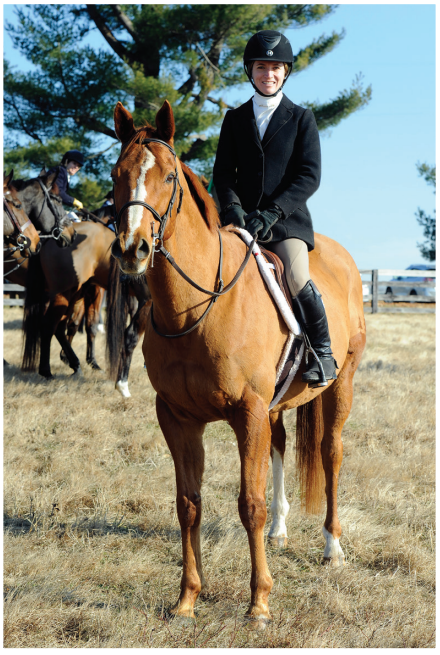
Rumsey Keefe, conjuring magic gleaned from her mom, remade Catcher as an eventer and competed with him; Tim even donned Sylvia Heft's pink-and-purple-block silks for their Real Rider Cup team-up to benefit Thoroughbred aftercare. In time, Catcher became compliant enough for daughters Ryan and Carlin to ride.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

One of Keefe's sons raised a steer through 4-H, peddled shares in the Grade A prime and pointedly petitioned his dad's most sporting friend. Sean Clancy pledged to buy half, then realized he had nowhere to store the goods.

Three days later, before the meat arrived, a freezer appeared on Clancy's doorstep. He needed no paperwork to know who had sent it, and put the freezer in the bank barn.

ANNE LITZ



LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

Three-time Maryland Million Classic winner Eighttofasttocatch became a star whether he was racing (with Forest Boyce aboard in the 2014 Classic), showing/eventing (with Rumsey Keefe at the Maryland State Fair in 2015) or foxhunting (with Boyce) with the Elkridge-Harford Hounds.

THERE CAME A GIFT-HORSE:

Around that time, Boyce told Keefe she was looking for a mannerly horse who could introduce her young nephew and niece to riding. The trainer's offer unseated her.

"Would you like Catcher?"

Boyce's family knew her penchant for bringing stray animals to their Harford County farm, but an off-the-track Thoroughbred? "We don't have a lot of room right now," Boyce heard. "Well, we need to make room," she replied.

Catcher arrived a different character. "Like, every jockey I've known that ever had to work him, you had to get the outrider to take you to the pole," Boyce said. "Like, he was strong." The new Catcher harnessed that strength. Her 14-year-old nephew, having outgrown his ponies, found him a comfortable ride. Her "timid" 9-year-old niece practiced dressage with him. "She felt so confident on him," Boyce said. "It was crazy."

Boyce even found him a handy foxhunter, even though the wisdom of the fields told her eventers usually don't convert so well.

Then: "We love him. It's so nice to have him around, and we have Tim to thank for that. He is a genuinely good person, and he always, always does right by his horses–like, to a fault. He's not a trainer; he's a horseman. There's a difference."

MAKING THE GRADE:

In his 25th year training, Keefe won his first major stakes when Still Having Fun sprang a 13-1 ambush on the Grade 2 Woody Stephens on Belmont Stakes Day. Trainers who begin with jumpers typically prefer longer, lung-building, mind-easing gallops to bust-out breezes of the flat; that sprinters comprise Keefe's second- and third-best earners brought a smile. All that work with Elliot back then gave him "a different perspective on training," one substantiated in 2009 when she became the first female trainer elected to the National Racing Hall of Fame.

"I'm hesitant to say there's more horsemanship in it," he said of the lower-stress, longer-range mode of training. Then, in a whisper, "but I think there is."

LEADING THE CHARGE:

After nine years on the MTHA board, Keefe was elected president in 2014 and reelected twice. "He's a tireless worker for that organization in what is an absolutely thankless position," said board member and veteran trainer Ferris Allen. "And we find that out every time we try to have an election and nobody else will run. But thank goodness he continues to step up and lead the way."

Beginning with the Covid-19 pandemic early in 2020, uncertain footing extended to a Laurel racetrack closed periodically for dirt-surface irregularities. As those repairs took place, the General Assembly passed legislation on a $375 million renovation package for Pimlico and Laurel Park; two years later, project details remain complex and uncertain. Then, on July 1, the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority began implementing national standards to a state-governed sport, sparking lawsuits, dismay and confusion.

"He's been loaded with a lot of stuff to handle and has done a good job," said trainer Linda Gaudet, another longtime MTHA director. "He's very diplomatic."

CLASHING SYMBOLS:

An MTHA board meeting typically veers from lively to thunderous, with sharp crescendos, testy overtures, offkey notes. "Everybody's got their thoughts and opinions," Keefe said. "The final decision is not gonna be 100-percent popular, but it's not supposed to be."

For all its collateral clamor, he said the MTHA remains a functioning democracy committed to horsemen and industry. Where members at times pursue policies for self-interest, Gaudet said Keefe holds a broader perspective.

"I've never known Tim to be self-gratifying," she said. "He does what's best for everyone."

A JOB FOR CRAMBO:

The Keefes' older son, Colby, graduated from Lynn University (in three years) and drove from the southern Florida college to visit an old high-school pal, Sam, in southern Kentucky. The lower abdominal pain Colby first felt in Georgia worsened in Tennessee and seized him by the time he got to Murray, Ky.

At a hospital there, doctors performed emergency surgery on a ruptured appendix. Tim took a plane to Nashville, where Sam's parents met him and drove the two hours back to Murray.

His son sore but recovering, Tim spared him the 800-mile drive back to Maryland. Instead, he took Colby in an overstuffed Honda Accord back to Nashville, put him on a plane home and drove to Sandy Spring alone.

WHEN WORLDS COLLIDE:

Just before noon on Saturday, Aug. 6, Annie Clancy phoned husband Sean, who looked out at the green Saratoga lushness and suddenly saw none of it. Annie spoke a horseman's kryptonite: The treasured bank barn on their Middleburg, Va., farm was ablaze.

For 22 years, since he'd traded race-day tack for a turf-writer's laptop spouting literary nectar, Sean had spent summers at The Spa producing and publishing *The Saratoga Special* with brother Joe. A near-daily confection of spicy racing news, flavory features, scrumptious columns and tasty asides, *The Special* stands as an engineering marvel given its thin staff of architects.

Trainer Tim Keefe greets Celtic Innis and Craig Gibbs after a victory in the 2008 Maryland Million Sprint. Tim and Rumsey at Avalon Farm with Maybe Someday, a Thornmar-bred son of Bandbox turned eventer.

That August Saturday, it got thinner. Sean left the team for the dreaded drive south, making calls to three of his staunchest allies–his dad Joe Sr., steeplechase trainer Todd Wyatt and Crambo.

"Every bad day I've had in my life," Clancy said, "Tim Keefe was there for me."

TO BLAZE A TRAIL:

Before its turn to ruin, the 19th-century bank barn had stood a white-trimmed green sentinel on the Clancy farm.

"A beautiful property, but the barn was the pinnacle of it," Keefe said. "It's what you first saw whether you drove by the dirt road, or you came into the driveway."

Everyone had gotten out in time–Annie, son Miles, the horses. They found Duchess the cat, the last to flee, singed and alarmed but safe.

Among the losses: equipment-filled tack trunks, a desk refinished by one of his trainer-dad's racetrack grooms, a cedar chest, a handmade wooden bench, crates of *The Saratoga Special* and *Steeplechase Times*, framed racing memorabilia. And Crambo's freezer.

The extinguished heap, meantime, reignited periodically like a pain-mocking ghost.

"It was horrible to look at," Keefe said. "The smell. The sight."

CRAMBO RIDES AGAIN:

Sean was in the kitchen, Annie too, each making one more phone call the day after when they heard a gentle knock. Crambo. Few words exchanged, Sean showed him a pile of fresh laundry on the dryer; Crambo folded the items and put them on a sofa.

A greater chore: making a home for Eli the one-horned pygmy goat. Sean handed Crambo a bum shovel, un-spaded. Together, they dug the earth anyway to build a pen.

Maybe halfway through, Sean left and reappeared with a better shovel. Pace improved, they had three sides up before night set in.

"Just send me a picture when it's finished," Crambo said. Sean hugged him. Then the plainclothes crusader was a light in the distance, turning for home, a signal of fortune bound for adventure. ◆

Tim Keefe

Marylander Tim Keefe saddled his first runner as a trainer in 1992, and turned it into a career with 574 wins (through Sept. 7) and nearly $17 million in purse earnings. Keefe and owners Arnie and Sylvia Heft won 17 races and $1,072,970, including three Maryland Million Classics and four Jennings Handicaps, with Maryland-bred Eighttofasttocatch. Another Maryland-bred, Still Having Fun, won the Grade 2 Woody Stephens Stakes at Belmont Park in 2018. Yet another, Celtic Innis, earned $648,638 for owners/breeders Allen and Audrey Murray including the Maryland Million Sprint in 2008. Red's Round Table won five stakes in 2010 and 2011.

Keefe is the president of the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, and a member of the board of directors for the Maryland Million. He and his wife Rumsey live on Avalon Farm in Sandy Spring, Md., and are the parents of Ryan, Colby, Liam and Carlin.

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Dream Job

Hamilton rides deep roots in racing to job with leading trainer McGaughey

By Joe Clancy. Photographs by Tod Marks

Anthony Hamilton graduated from Maryland's Dulaney High in Timonium, and went to West Virginia University to study–well, something–and lasted one semester before coming home. His friends worked in restaurants, delivered pizza, started construction jobs, whatever.

None of that was for him, even if he didn't know what was. While in high school, he'd worked for steeplechase (mainly) trainer Billy Meister and picked up side hustles helping Regina Welsh, Carol Kaye Garcia, Don Litz at the sales, Frannie Campitelli at the racetrack, anybody really. But, despite a long line of horse people on both sides of his family, Hamilton wasn't sure it was something he wanted to do.

Then his mother, Betty McCue, delivered an ultimatum of sorts.

"You've got to get a job," she told him. "Figure something out."

Hamilton went back to Meister's, working with timber horses, foxhunters, Timonium runners, whatever. Next came a trip to the sale at Timonium and a series of, "Do you need any help?" questions. Maryland trainer Campitelli suggested a job in Florida. South Carolina horseman Kip Elser mentioned Camden. Hamilton looked at a map, literally, and chose the latter since it was closer to home. Jobs with Elser's Kirkwood Stables and later Gerry Goswell turned into trips to Kentucky to work the sales there, a job with Kentucky veterinarian Larry Caudill and several more twists and turns before–at 39–Hamilton works as an assistant to Hall of Fame trainer Shug McGaughey and helps handle some of the country's top Thoroughbreds.

Hamilton credited all those jobs, plus the knowledge passed down from his mother, father Joe Hamilton, stepfather Jim McCue and plenty of others with preparing him for his current post.

"I was lucky that everything set me up for this, you couldn't do this job without the background I had," Hamilton said at Saratoga Race Course this summer. "I would have been lost without that. It's a lot of horses to manage here, it's a lot of people to manage. Expectations are high every day."

Hamilton started in March 2020 just before longtime assistant Robbie Medina left for a job with Kentucky's Blackwood Stables, and can be seen in McGaughey's barns in New York and Florida with a short stop at Keeneland in the spring. In Hamilton's time, the barn has included graded winners Civil Union, Code of Honor, Mrs. Danvers, Vigilantes Way, Pink Sands, Greatest Honour, Kathleen O., and First Captain among others. The 2021 stable reached $5.1 million in purse earnings, its highest total since 2015, and made 350 starts, the most since 1985.

Working for McGaughey, whose clients include some of racing's biggest names led by mainstays the Phipps family and Stuart Janney III, was a dream opportunity.

"He's a legend, right?" Hamilton said of McGaughey, a Hall of Famer since 2004. "I've never been afraid of work. Growing up in a barn you understand the expectations. I think I was lucky with Dad and Jim and Mom. There's a right way to do something and that's always been there. If you're going to do something, do it right. It might take longer, but it's the way to do it. That's what we do every day here. We do things the right way."

Hamilton's father Joe worked for his father Ham Hamilton at George Swift's Quail Run Farm outside Middleburg, Va., when Anthony was born. The family moved to Maryland for a job with Frank Bonsal and another with Frank and Ginny Wright. The Hamiltons bred Grade 2 winner Valay Maid, ran a sales consignment and divorced when Anthony was 10.

Betty married McCue, the Maryland Jockey Club's track photographer. Anthony called McCue "a rock" and a "pretty special guy," who helped a stepson navigate life and find a way.

Early experience came with Meister, a three-time Maryland Hunt Cup winner as a rider and trainer whose barn might include everything from a 14-year-old timber horse

Anthony Hamilton leads Star Command to the track a day after getting kicked in the face (note stitches above left eyebrow) by another runner in 2021.

Hamilton (right) watches horses with Hall of Fame trainer Shug McGaughey and others at Saratoga this summer.

to a 3-year-old filly aiming for a $5,000 starter allowance at Pimlico.

"He knew his stuff with horses and worked hard," said Meister, who also called the young Hamilton a "screwball" without really needing to elaborate. "He was a big guy, but was gentle with the horses, really good on race day. He got his stuff together and now look. It's great. I'm really happy for him."

Hamilton's father Joe eventually moved to Kentucky and connected with Tony Braddock to launch Two Hearts Farm in Bourbon County. After working for Caudill, Anthony joined his father at Two Hearts and took over the training barn once the broodmare division got big enough. Mainly for Two Hearts, Anthony saddled his first runners in 2013 and won five races the next year. He won five again in 2015, headed by Fioretti's victory in Keeneland's Thoroughbred Club of America Stakes-G2 and a start in the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint-G1. Joe Hamilton didn't live to see those achievements, as he died at 58 in January 2015. Anthony kept training for Two Hearts and other clients through 2018, then took a job with the Haughey family's PTK stable late in 2019.

While working with the PTK horses at Payson Park Training Center in Florida the following winter, Hamilton caught McGaughey's attention.

"Wouldn't this guy do in our outfit?" McGaughey asked Medina one morning.

"He would," Medina answered.

And Hamilton was hired. Then Medina took the Blackwood job, and Hamilton moved up a notch on the organizational chart.

"Starting off, Anthony was probably a little bit nervous by what was going on and the type of horses we have," McGaughey said, "but he's good about it all now. He's a big part of what we do."

McGaughey, who saddled his first runner in 1978 and counts stars Personal Ensign, Lure, Easy Goer, Inside Information and Heavenly Prize among a long list of greats, made a point of setting a bar for Hamilton.

Hamilton easily recalled an early dictum from McGaughey.

"The big things are going to happen," is how Hamilton remembers his boss saying it. "But we're going to worry about the little things every day, all day. If you're paying attention to the little things, that's what sets the trend."

And the trend is excellence.

The McGaughey barn includes divisions in New York or Florida (depending on the time of year), Kentucky and Maryland's Fair Hill Training Center. Well-bred and well-purchased 2-year-olds join the stable every year for major clients. Phipps and Janney horses are there. So are others owned by Joe Allen, Peter Brant, Courtlandt Farm, Gainesway Stable, LNJ Foxwoods, West Point Thoroughbreds, Woodford Racing, Emory Hamilton, the Farish family, Andrew Rosen and others.

"He's very, very valuable to me, I'm crazy about the guy," McGaughey said. "We have a great relationship. He's not afraid to stick his head out, which I like. You need somebody like that. He's very well-liked by my clients too, which is a plus. He's outgoing in the right way. He speaks to them, talks to them about the horses, I trust him, all that."

McGaughey credited Hamilton's experience as a trainer, and all the other background, with helping him thrive in a job that can go in many directions at once given the horses and people involved.

"He's organized well, and he thinks ahead," McGaughey said. "He's a very good horseman, been around horses his whole life. He's got a good man under him now too in Adam Neuman. Anthony is mentoring him and to me that's great. You have to have that too."

Don't ask Hamilton to pick a favorite horse in the barn. They all matter.

"Performer was a really cool horse to be around," he said of the Grade 3 winner who won all four starts in 2019. "Being a Phipps horse, the history there. You grow up with the black and cherry. You see it. He was the first horse I saw on the track where I was like, 'This is a racehorse. This isn't never-won-three for 15 at Turfway.' And [2021 Fountain of Youth-G2 winner] Greatest Honour was the first horse that we got to get that Derby trail kind of feel. That was fun. Kathleen O. was obviously fun making that run to the Kentucky Oaks.

A Virginia native with roots in Maryland and Kentucky, Hamilton talks things over with an exercise rider at Saratoga this summer.

Civil Union was the first Grade 1 winner I was around."

He could keep going and even puts Dripping Gold on the list. In the paddock for his debut at Saratoga in 2021, the then 2-year-old kicked Hamilton in the face. The horse won, the man ended up with stitches above his left eyebrow but didn't miss a day of work and led another runner to the track a day later.

"We won't let that happen again," McGaughey said. "The next day, he was right at it. He wanted to go over that day, said he wanted to see the horses run, but we weren't going to let him do that."

First Captain, a $1.5 million Saratoga yearling, won the Pimlico Special Stakes-G3 in May to give Hamilton a major hometown victory. Afterward, Hamilton high-fived jockey Luis Saez and Jim McCue snapped the photo.

"We were so happy," said Betty McCue. "We don't get to see him as much as we'd love to, so to have him win a race like that at Pimlico was extra special. We couldn't be prouder of him."

She couldn't help thinking about the college dropout she told to get a job, or the little kid who rode in leadline and walk/trot classes even though he didn't want to. Young Anthony's idea of riding involved far simpler tasks.

"He would go to the bottom of the hill on the pony, gallop up the hill, walk back to the bottom, gallop up again, walk back to the bottom, gallop up again, over and over," his mom said. "He didn't mind taking care of them, but he never really got into the riding part of horses. Riding was never his thing so I was never sure the horses would be his thing."

They are now and he can pay at least partial credit to a tall (and wide) family tree.

Then Betty Hughes, his mother grew up foxhunting, showing and riding in ladies timber races. A retired second-grade teacher, she's known today for encouraging numerous young riders with a string of race ponies, a lesson business and an ever-changing group of retired racehorses headed to new careers. Her brother John managed Jonathan Sheppard's broodmare and foaling operation in Pennsylvania for years. Their father Puller Hughes is remembered with a scholarship given in his name at the Warrenton Pony Show each year.

The Hamilton side of the family goes through horses too. Anthony's grandfather Ham Hamilton rode Saddlebreds in Louisville, Ky., and became a jockey despite his 5-foot-9 stature. Race-riding didn't last long, but he rode in the mornings and became Del Carroll's assistant trainer. Ham Hamilton later had horses for Michael Phipps at St. Lucie Training Center (now Payson Park)—not quite full circle for the Hamiltons, but about as close as you can get. Grandmother Sally Hamilton was one of the first women—if not the first woman—to be licensed at a pari-mutuel racetrack while working in Kentucky and Ohio. She ponied horses while seven months pregnant.

Joe Hamilton, Anthony's father, bred, owned and trained racehorses. Anthony's uncle Jimmy Hamilton was on the racetrack, and the subject of a 1995 profile by writer Vinnie Perrone in the *Washington Post*. Anthony's aunt, Cathy Sweezey, owns Kentucky's Timber Town Stable—home of star broodmares owned by Mandy Pope and a sought-after yearling consignment—with her husband Wayne. Cathy's sister Barbara is married to Terry Arnold, rehabilitation and breaking manager at Kentucky's WinStar Farm and brother of trainer Rusty Arnold. Even Anthony's generation includes cousins Kent Sweezey, a trainer since 2017, and Sarah Hamilton, who started training last year.

"We've all just kind of surfaced," said Cathy Sweezey, Joe Hamilton's sister. "All the offspring are bubbling up somewhat successfully. I'm very proud of that. It was all very blue collar, but look where it's gone.

"I think it's in your DNA. I was a pretty good exercise rider, Sarah's a brilliant exercise rider. Joe, Anthony's father, was an unbelievable horseman. Every generation moved up the ladder a little bit. It says a lot about the horse business, doesn't it? It's afforded all of us a great way of life and a great living."

Anthony follows all those footsteps made by Hamiltons and Hugheses, quietly making marks himself and with a young family. His wife Kristen Goncharoff co-bred Grade 2 winner Sleepy Eyes Todd and is the racing manager for eFive Racing Thoroughbreds. Her father Tom managed R.D. Hubbard's Crystal Springs Farm in Kentucky and New Mexico. Anthony and Kristen own a home in Kentucky, but aren't there much. They have a 2-year-old son Hughes and won't think too far ahead when it comes to next steps.

"We're just taking this as it goes," Hamilton said. "Obviously this is a good opportunity. As for where this takes me, we'll cross that bridge when we need to cross it. I think Shug's pretty happy. I know we are. It's a new barn, a young barn, and we've got some nice horses coming along that we're excited about."

Besides, those restaurant and construction jobs weren't going to lead to a spot in McGaughey's barn. If he'd taken that path, where would Hamilton be now?

"I don't know," he said. "I have no idea." ◆

Up at the Downs

Virginia track rides strong participation to 2022 wagering records, bright future

BY JOE CLANCY. PHOTOS BY COADY PHOTOGRAPHY

Racetrack executives and leaders will talk numbers all day–various ways to parse the handle, field size, attendance (sometimes), takeout and so on–but Jill Byrne will go another direction if you give her just the slightest chance.

"Do what you can for the horses and horsemen first, that's what I try to do," said Byrne, the vice president of racing at Colonial Downs, as some sort of mantra. "The rest will follow along."

And then some if the 2022 season at Colonial Downs, Virginia's only Thoroughbred racetrack, is any indication.

The 26-day meet set records for total handle and daily average handle while giving away more than $15.9 million in purses (an average of $612,000 per day) and drawing raves from participating horsemen. Racing Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 11 through Sept. 7, Colonial found a niche in the wagering and racing calendars.

The success isn't as simple as Byrne put it, but that service-oriented outlook certainly helps when you're trying to attract horsemen from various parts of the country. She credited racing secretary Allison De Luca with writing a strong condition book to appeal to trainers, the staff for doing whatever it took all summer and owners, trainers and bettors for supporting the product. The success comes just a few years after Colonial's future looked anything but promising. Opened in 1997, the New Kent track closed in 2013 and rode a wave of lawsuits, a denial of dates by the racing commission in 2016, the passage of a state law to allow historical horse racing machines and a purchase by Revolutionary Racing. Six years after closing, Colonial reopened in 2019. It's been on an upward trajectory since, even with an early shutdown in 2020 due to Covid-19 and some uncertainty of a yet-to-be-finalized sale to Churchill Downs Inc.

"There were a lot of questions to what this was going to be," said Byrne, "and it's a testament to all the Virginia stakeholders, the racing team, horsemen, everybody, how quickly this has become, to me, one of the top race meets in the country. We have a great facility. You have two really good track surfaces, a nice facility and then the purse structure. All those things combined mean you should attract good horses, good horsemen, but that's not always the case as we've seen with small fields around the country."

That was the case at Colonial, as trainers came from Florida, Kentucky, Illinois, Maryland, New York, Virginia and anywhere really. Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen sent a string. Former Arlington Park regulars Chris Block and Larry Rivelli came to Colonial. Michelle Lovell came to Colonial for the second consecutive season and used the track as a base for top 2-year-old Damon's Mound–who won the Grade 2 Saratoga Special in mid-August. Regional trainers supported Colonial, finding reasons to ship south from various bases despite a crowded summer calendar.

Heavy on turf racing, the meet averaged 8.35 horses per race. Daily handle averaged $2.8 million, paced by $6.5 million on Virginia Derby Day Sept. 6 and $6.1 million on closing day Sept. 7.

Mike Stidham, who bases his stable at Maryland's Fair Hill Training Center for most of the year, won the trainers' championship with 13 wins. Another Fair Hill resident, Mike Trombetta, finished second with 11 and was followed by Rivelli (nine), Asmussen (eight) and Block and Carlos Munos with seven each. Stidham client David Ross and Trombetta client Larry Johnson, both Virginia residents, shared the owners' title with six wins each.

The Stidham barn tripled Aug. 16, which prompted some thinking about the potential for a championship run.

"That was fun," he said of his first meet win since Fair Grounds in 2016. "We really didn't go out there trying to do it, but after the one day we had three wins I'm like, 'We might be able to win the title.'"

Double winners Soft Touch and Sanctified did more than their share, as the barn banged out 13 wins without capturing a stakes (Alms and Rambert finished second). Stidham took a dozen stalls at Colonial, and rotated horses south from Fair Hill as their races came up.

"The book that Allison writes is pretty diverse, and you can run cheap horses on the grass, you can run your better horses on the grass, the purses have gone up," said Stidham, whose horses made 61 starts. "It's silly not to run as many as you can there. It's one of the best turf courses in the country. It's very fair. A horse can win on the lead, or they can come from the back. The big, wide sweeping turns give a horse a chance to make up ground late, and the dirt track is a good surface too. We didn't have any injuries and as a trainer that's what you're looking for–good purses and safe racetracks."

Stidham was especially proud of Soft Touch, a Godolphin homebred whose career began with a second at Colonial Downs last summer but paused shortly thereafter.

"We loved her as a 2-year-old, but after that first race she reared up behind the gate at Kentucky Downs, fell and was scratched," he said. "She was lame behind afterward and had a minor fracture in her ilium because of the way she fell. We gave her time off and she has come back really good."

The daughter of Uncle Mo–and a half-sister to Grade 2 winner Lucullan–recovered from the fracture in her hind end and finished second off the long layoff July 12, then won a maiden Aug. 16 and won an allowance Sept. 6.

"They write races that fit horses like that," Stidham said. "You know you're going to get on the turf, you can bring a horse like her back off a layoff and find a good progression."

Stidham's connection to Ross, a Fair Hill barn owner, came about a few years ago when the trainer and assistant Hilary Pridham were looking for a new summer racing base after being a fixture at Arlington Park for about 20 years.

"It was a no-brainer–it's a beautiful barn at a beautiful training center and we were able to lease the barn and train his horses along the way," Stidham said. "It made all the sense in the world and it's

In his third career start, Capensis (left) pulls away late in the Grade 3 Virginia Derby, the signature race at Colonial Downs.

Godolphin's Soft Touch heads for home in one of her two wins at the meet for leading trainer Mike Stidham.

New York-based Spirit and Glory (Ire) flies home in the Virginia Oaks.

Virginia-bred Determined Kingdom and Trevor McCarthy return after winning the Punch Line Stakes for trainer Phil Schoenthal.

Maryland-bred Spun Glass prevails in the Camptown Stakes for Larry Johnson and Mike Trombetta.

turned into a great move for us because it opens us up to the whole Mid-Atlantic and being able to run at a lot of different tracks."

Ross has long been a key player in Virginia racing, and teamed up with Stidham for Colonial victories by Goldbuster, Kingpin, Scanno, Tiki Bar, Rambert and Lontano.

"He's very involved in Virginia racing and he tries to have as many Virginia-certified horses as he can," Stidham said. "His goal is to focus on that meet every year, so everything we had ready ran there and he tied for the owners' title. He's there every week and it mattered. We were happy we could get it done."

Like Stidham, trainer Phil Schoenthal shipped horses from Fair Hill all summer and was rewarded with three wins from 19 starts including stakes tallies by 2-year-old Determined Jester and Virginia-bred 3-year-old Determined Kingdom. Schoenthal targets Colonial for turf horses and the many Virginia-certified horses in his barn.

"It makes sense for us because we've got so many grass horses," Schoenthal said. "The one thing you can count on at Colonial is they're probably going to be on the grass. You put them in other places in the Mid-Atlantic and you've got to roll the dice on whether it's going to rain off or not. Plus, virtually all the horses I train are Virginia-certified, so you get a little preference in the entry box."

Purchased by Schoenthal client Matt Dorman's D Hatman Thoroughbreds for $575,000 as a yearling, Determined Jester made her debut in an off-the-turf maiden at Saratoga July 21. Third there, she went to Colonial for a turf maiden special weight Aug. 16 and finished fourth as the favorite (behind Stidham's winner Tiki Bar). A daughter of Practical Joke and the Dixie Union mare Call Mariah, Determined Jester returned in the Rosie's Stakes as a two-start maiden Sept. 6. Despite 35-1 odds in a field of eight, Schoenthal had some confidence as Determined Jester emerged from the Aug. 16 race in season.

"It was a dark day she got beat at Colonial at short odds," Schoenthal said. "I thought I was putting the saddle on a sure-fire winner, but she came out of that race in heat, and it was probably bothering her on race day. I thought she should get back to her better race and she did. It's kind a nice when a plan falls together."

Virginia-bred Determined Kingdom comes from the other side of the yearling market as a $47,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic purchase from Audley Farm near the end of the 2020 fall yearling sale. The son of Animal Kingdom and the unraced mare Filia was meant to be an example for Dorman, who is building a racing stable and broodmare band via the sales arena.

Virginia-bred Mo Clare's reaches the finish line first in the Brookmeade Stakes.

"He bought eight or nine and was done for the sale season when Timonium came around, but I took him to Audley Farm's consignment because I'd seen this colt earlier," Schoenthal said. "His mother had a big, big pedigree, but she was unraced and I wanted Matt to get a visual that some of these fillies even if they don't run or don't run well you can get foals like this from them."

Schoenthal planned to try to buy Determined Kingdom for another client, if he could wait until Hip 540's turn in the ring anyway, but Dorman said he was interested and two years later they have a tough turf sprinter. The bay gelding won the Jamestown Stakes at Colonial and a Laurel Park allowance last year, added another Laurel allowance in June and ran off with the Punch Line Stakes for Virginia-breds at Colonial July 11. Third in Saratoga's Mahony in August and sixth in the Meadow Stable Stakes at Colonial Sept. 7, Determined Kingdom pushed his bankroll to $248,949 in 13 starts.

"He's really a neat horse," said Schoenthal. "I was really disappointed with his last race [Sept. 7]. It kind of didn't unfold for him the way we hoped it would, and he got real rank and keen and wanted to go from the inside and it didn't go his way. He's better when he can stalk outside. Speed-figure wise, he's in the top echelon of 3-year-old turf sprinters. He's a very sound, forwardly training horse. He's got a couple more opportunities this year, then we'll give him the winter off and if he continues to grow and mature and takes a step forward, I think he'll be competing with the top turf-sprint horses in the country."

COLONIAL NOTES

Gigante, bred in Virginia by Ann Backer's Smitten Farm, won two at the meet for Asmussen. The 2-year-old Not This Time colt, sold at Keeneland September for $120,000 last year, finished fifth in his debut July 18, backed that up with a maiden win Aug. 10 and closed the meet with a win in the Kitten's Joy Stakes Sept. 6. The Virginia action gave him $167,500 earned in less than two months of racing . . . **Didia (Arg)** doubled for Merriebelle Stable and trainer Ignacio Correas IV. A multiple Group 1 winner in her native land last year, she won a three-other-than allowance July 18 and returned to win the Old Nelson Stakes Aug. 16. . . Virginia-bred **Tolaga Bay** made four starts at the meet for Mark Buyck and trainer Arch Kingsley–placing second in a starter allowance off a year layoff July 18, winning twice and checking in fifth in the Bert Allen Stakes Sept. 7. Bred by Susan Minor, the 6-year-old Fierce Wind gelding tried steeplechasing in 2019 and 2021. . . **Mo Clare's**, bred in Virginia by Jim and Katie FitzGerald and sold for six figures twice, doubled at Colonial for Lothenbach Stables and trainer Chris Block. The 5-year-old daughter of Uncle Mo won the Brookmeade Stakes July 11, and added an allowance Aug. 9. Lothenbach paid $350,000 for her at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-old sale in 2019 after she brought $160,000 as a yearling . . . Virginia-bred **Surya**, racing for her breeder Morgan's Ford Farm and trainer Brittany Russell, also won two. The 3-year-old Street Sense filly handled maiden company July 19 and stepped up a notch to win a first-level allowance Aug. 1. A $65,000 RNA as a yearling, she comes from a deep Morgan's Ford family. Owners Wayne and Susie Chatfield-Taylor bought third dam My Prayer (whose dam Katonka won 11 races for Happy

Bred in Virginia by Ann Backer's Smitten Farm, Gigante scores in the Kitten's Joy for trainer Steve Asmussen, who led trainers in purse earnings.

Bred in Kentucky by Virginia's Woodslane Farm, Wolfie's Dynaghost returns after winning the Bert Allen Stakes.

Three-year-old filly Surya (5) digs in late to win her second of the meet for breeder/owner Morgan's Ford Farm.

Valley Farm and trainer Laz Barrera in the 1970s) for $22,000 in 1992. Her daughter Early Mass produced, among others, graded stakes winner Redeemed. Another daughter, Sun Salutation, has produced Surya and two other winners including the stakes-placed Alex Joon. . . Trainer Todd Pletcher won the Grade 3 Virginia Derby Sept. 6 with **Capensis**, a $2 million yearling owned by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Bob LaPenta, Gainesway Stable, Winchell Thoroughbreds and Stonestreet Stables. Unraced at 2, the son of Tapit won his debut at Belmont July 2 and finished sixth in allowance company at Saratoga July 30 . . . **Asmussen** led all trainers in purse earnings with $684,975, nosing out Stidham's $682,200 . . . New York-based trainer **Robert Falcone Jr.** won five of six starts while Maker won five of nine (including two stakes) . . . New York based jockey **Irad Ortiz Jr.** won with 10 of 18 mounts, including nine victories over the final two days. That blitz included stakes triumphs in the Virginia Derby, Virginia Oaks, Meadow Stable, Jamestown and Bert Allen Stakes . . . Virginia owner/breeder Woodslane Farm won the Bert Allen Stakes with **Wolfie's Dynaghost** Sept. 7. The 4-year-old Ghostzapper gelding out of the Dynaformer mare Dynaire collected his fifth win and first in a stakes after four placings. ◆

– Trackside –

Well-Aged

Fortheluvofbourbon finds success after 2020 claim for Ryan, Pino

BY JOHN PIASSEK. PHOTO BY EQUI-PHOTO, INC.

Just like a good bottle of bourbon, Fortheluvofbourbon hasn't gotten worse with age. If anything, the 5-year-old Pennsylvania-bred gelding is like a bottle of wine: he's only getting better with time.

Fortheluvofbourbon broke out in a big way in 2022, with five wins from seven starts through Sept. 10. The success includes victories in the Page McKenney Handicap and Banjo Picker Sprint Stakes at his home base of Parx Racing. With three months left in the season, his earnings record reads a career-high $250,280, boosting his total to $461,720.

It's been a great ride for owner Dan Ryan, who races predominantly under the name Smart Angle and grew up around the sport. His father, James Ryan, was a prominent owner and breeder in Maryland for decades, campaigning as Ryehill Farm. His most notable horse was Caveat, winner of the 1983 Belmont Stakes-G1, but he also owned Arlington Million-G1 winner Awad, Grade 1 winner Bemissed, and back-to-back champion 2-year-old fillies Heavenly Cause (1980) and Smart Angle (1979), the latter the namesake of Dan's racing operation. Dan's mother, Eleanor Ross Ryan, owned Ross Valley Farm, and bred and raced three-time Maryland Stallion of the Year Two Punch. Dan owned his first horse at age 25 and hasn't looked back.

"We've always been based on the East Coast: mostly Maryland and Pennsylvania, and some at Charles Town," said Ryan. "Sometimes, if we have a good one, we'll

Homebreds winning stakes on PA Day at the Races were Joe Imbesi's Flor de Sombra, LC Racing's Ninetyprcentmaddie and Michael Cascio's Too Boss.

send them to Florida or New York. But most of our operations are around here."

Ryan's operation has historically featured a mixture of homebreds and claims. His most notable homebred, Quantum Miss, won the 2011 Cicada Stakes-G3 at Aqueduct and set a track record for 6 furlongs at Penn National.

The seeds of Ryan's latest success were planted May 29, 2020, when he claimed Fortheluvofbourbon for $50,000 out of a turf race at Churchill Downs. The son of Anchor and Hope Farm stallion Bourbon Courage was bred at Hidden Acres 4-D Farm. His dam, Nosubstituteforluv, was unplaced in her lone start, a New Jersey-bred maiden race in September 2014, but is by top Maryland stallion Not For Love.

Fortheluvofbourbon broke his maiden on debut at Parx Feb. 4, 2020, for co-owners Vaccaro Racing Stable and trainer Patricia Farro. Not long after, he was privately purchased and sent to Oaklawn Park, where he finished fifth in three consecutive starts. Owners Agave Racing Stable and ERJ Racing brought him to Churchill, where he caught the attention of trainer Michael Pino and Ryan.

"I was impressed when he won at Parx, and he ran some good races at Oaklawn Park against some tough horses," said Pino. "I saw that he was a Pennsylvania-bred, and I figured I'd take a chance. In fact, I drove to Churchill to put the claim slip in myself."

Ryan concurred with Pino's assessment. "We liked him because he was a Pennsylvania-bred, and he still had his conditions," said Ryan. "The rest is history."

Fourth that day at Churchill, Fortheluvofbourbon started to blossom upon his return to Parx. On July 28, he easily won a first-level Pennsylvania-bred allowance, defeating the highly touted Dreams Untold. Next out, he crushed an open first-level allowance field by 8¼ lengths, while running 6 furlongs in 1:09.69. It looked like a promising future, but the gelding soon hit a setback.

"Michael called me the next day, and I thought he was going to just talk about the big win," said Ryan. "It turned out, he was calling me to tell me the horse was injured."

Fortheluvofbourbon was sidelined for the rest of the year by a condylar fracture. He was operated on successfully and recovered at River Rock Farm in Port Deposit, Md. Ryan tempered his expectations, but had little to fear: "He had the surgery and didn't return for a while. I thought he wouldn't be as good when he came back, but it turns out he was better than ever."

Fortheluvofbourbon returned to the races in May 2021 and won twice from seven starts, including his first stakes win in the Banjo Picker. He closed 2021 with a third in the Blitzen Stakes, won by Dreams Untold, at Parx in December. The 2022 campaign began after a short freshening. Fortheluvofbourbon finished second Feb. 1, outran tough sprinter Wendell Fong to win Feb. 16 and won four in a row after finishing sixth in the Fishtown Stakes March 7. All seven starts have come at Parx–in open allowance company or stakes.

The crescendo came in this year's Banjo Picker Aug. 22. There, he would battle against another top Pennsylvania-bred sprinter, Beren, who was coming off a win in the Frank J. DeFrancis Memorial Dash at Laurel Park. The two had battled earlier in the year, with Fortheluvofbourbon getting the edge by a neck, but Beren looked like he was in prime position for revenge. Pino eased Ryan's concerns about the rematch.

"I talked to Michael a few days before the race, and I said I was worried about Beren," said Ryan. "He said, 'I'm not worried about Beren. Beren should be worried about us.'"

Pino's optimism proved well-founded, as Fortheluvofbourbon drew off in the stretch to defeat Beren by 4 lengths, establishing himself as the top male Pennsylvania-bred sprinter.

Ryan said he came out of the race in good order and will stay local for his next start. As a son of Bourbon Courage, he is Maryland Million-eligible, and the Oct. 22 Sprint is on the radar screen.

Ryan, who says Fortheluvofbourbon is easily his best horse right now, says there isn't much that can compare to the feeling of watching your horse win a stakes.

"It continues to be a such a thrill," he said. "I've been in this game 30-35 years, and there's nothing like having a good horse in your barn."

Wherever Fortheloveofbourbon takes Ryan and Pino next, he's already dramatically exceeded expectations and helps to continue a racing legacy.

PARX NOTES

On the 13-race Aug. 22 Pennsylvania Day at the Races card, all restricted to statebreds and featuring a bevy of stakes races, **Game Seven** became the first winner for Hoppertunity with an impressive 5-length win. Owned in part by Houston Astros third baseman Alex Bregman, Game Seven is trained by Todd Pletcher. Hoppertunity originally stood in Pennsylvania but is now in Maryland at Northview Stallion Station . . . Fan favorite Chub Wagon saw her four-race winning streak snapped in the Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial Stakes, as **Remain Anonymous** drew off to win by 5¾ lengths. The Pennsylvania-bred victress was bred by Horseshoe Valley Equine Center and is owned by Sanford Goldfarb . . . The card also saw **Love in the Air** win the Mrs. Penny Stakes, **Smooth B** take the Marshall Jenney Handicap, Joe Imbesi homebred **Flor de Sombra** prevail in the Miss Blue Tye Dye Stakes, LC Racing homebred **Ninetyprcentmaddie** get the Whistle Pig Stakes, and Michael Cascio homebred **Too Boss** cop the Storm Cat Stakes . . . Parx hosted prep races for the Cotillion Stakes-G1 and the Pennsylvania Derby-G1 Aug. 23. Virginia-bred **Green Up**, bred by Althea Richards and owned by Team Valor, won the Cathryn Sophia Stakes, while **Best Actor** took the Smarty Jones-G3 for Gary and Mary West . . . **Exit Right** won a starter allowance race Aug. 30, for his eighth victory of the year. He was one of two horses in the country with at least eight wins in 2022; the other, **Beverly Park**, had 10 through Sept. 20, including a win at Timonium . . . **Ruben Silvera** remains well on pace for his second consecutive riding title, having ridden 120 winners as of Sept. 18. Last year, he rode 214 while winning at a 23-percent clip; this year, he has a 21-percent strike rate. ◆

Solid Job

New trainer Brooks wins four to share crown at Timonium

BY JOE CLANCY. PHOTOS BY JIM MCCUE.

Brian Brooks (right) with Anotherdaygoneby, his second of two winners on the Aug. 28 card.

Those 18-wheeler tanker trucks full of oil, gasoline and whatever else you pass on the highway? Brian Brooks, horse trainer, used to put those together in his job as a welder for Advanced Tank Systems near Camden Yards in Baltimore.

"Welding is hard work, I did 10 years of it," Brooks said in mid-September, a week or so removed from sharing the 2022 Timonium training championship with Anthony Farrior. "That was my dream, being a mechanic, working on stuff like that."

Of course, every few months he'd get a call from his uncle Gerald Brooks – a trainer who saddled his first runner in 1989. "Are you ready? Are you ready yet?" he'd ask. Finally, a few years ago, Brian was. He met his uncle at Kentucky's Turfway Park and started working in the barn.

There was a learning curve.

"My uncle told me to get a polo one morning and I looked at him like he had 10 heads," Brooks said. "I knew nothing. He taught me so much."

And now Brooks knows plenty (just assume that he can roll on a set of polo bandages with the best of them). He assists his uncle's business, trains 16 horses at Laurel Park and won four races at Timonium's seven-day meet during the Maryland State Fair. The 5-furlong track hosted racing on back-to-back weekends Aug. 26-28 and Sept. 2-5, closing on Labor Day while showcasing Thoroughbred racing to the fair crowd.

As usual, the mission was more than business, though early reports showed an increase in wagering handle. Timonium gave away 11 college scholarships on college day, presented grooms awards for every race, conducted backstretch tours and generally tried to be another attraction to a busy late-summer at the fairgrounds on York Road.

"It was a success," said Bill Reightler, Timonium's director of racing operations. "Like most racetracks we had some scratches after entries that hurt the numbers, but that happens. We had very good crowds, particularly the second weekend. It's a great part of Maryland's racing tradition and a great place to introduce people to Thoroughbred racing."

Brooks won six races as a trainer in 2021, after getting his license midway through the year, and had matched that in 2022 through Sept. 13. The Dundalk, Md., native learned racing growing up from his uncle and grandfather Carl Brooks who drove horse vans. After high school at Sparrows Point, however, the racetrack was not going to be a career. Brian said he was allergic to hay and straw, couldn't even cut the grass much less work in a barn full-time. He went to welding school and made that his career. Of course, 10 years of it wore on his health and, by the time he got that call from his uncle, Turfway Park looked pretty good.

He's in the barn every day and will have a string at Laurel through the winter when Gerald heads to Gulfstream Park.

"The allergies are gone, it's horses seven days a week and 18 hours a day it feels like," he said. "I love the atmosphere and just the personality of every horse. Nothing's the same. Each horse has a different personality every day. I hear people say they do the same thing every day. You let me know if I do that. Yeah, we work with horses every day but nothing's the same."

Brooks' horses made 14 starts at Timonium, and lost their first five. Checotah won a three-horse $8,000 claimer going 4 furlongs to start a double for the barn Aug. 28 as 2-year-old filly Anotherdaygoneby, owned by Gerald Brooks and Carl Hess Jr., won a $40,000 maiden claimer late on the card. Another 2-year-old filly, Roaringlikethunder, won

Maryland-bred and -sired Breviary scores in the $125,000 Timonium Distaff Stakes for owner/trainer Mario Serey Jr.

the opener Sept. 3 after finishing second Aug. 27. Checotah returned to win by a nose Sept. 4 for a $5,000 tag and give Brooks a one-win lead heading into the final day of the meet. Farrior won the opener Sept. 5 to force the tie, and was blanked with his other three runners.

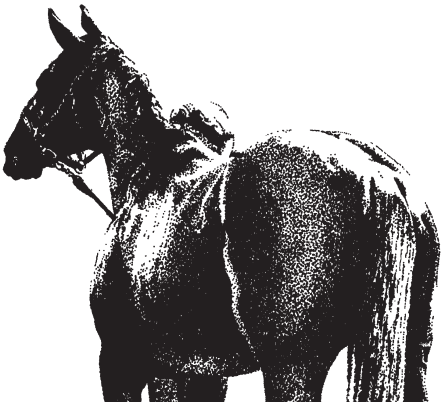
"I wasn't thinking I would get the opportunities with the riders and everything else, but I couldn't be happier with it," Brooks said of the training crown, which matched Gerald's 2018 title at Timonium. "I grew up about 25 minutes from all three tracks so it was a welcome-home warming to come there and see my name on the TV screen and have some runners. Timonium's atmosphere is great because it's so small. I've run at Laurel and I'm used to the bigger tracks. You go there and you're used to a route race with two turns. I wasn't sure my horses could keep up at Timonium."

Brooks finished with four wins and three seconds. Mario Serey Jr., who tied for third with three wins, made just 10 starts.

Farrior won his four with 32 starts, and took home Timonium's $5,000 "large barn" bonus. The trainer doubled Aug. 26, winning the meet's first two races with Drum and Bass in a $5,000 maiden claimer going a mile and Miss Casey in a $10,000 claimer for non-winners of two going 6½ furlongs. The daughter of Blofeld won at Laurel in January and came off a ninth at Charles Town Aug. 4. The Farrior barn hit a short dry spell at Timonium until Sommer Velvet won a $10,000 claimer (non-winners of three) going 6½ furlongs. Knowhowiknow came through at the same level Sept. 5 to tie Brooks.

NOTES: Breviary won the meet's only stakes, the Timonium Distaff, for owner/trainer Mario Serey Jr. The race had a base purse of $75,000, with $25,000 added if Maryland-bred and $25,000 for Maryland-sired. Three in the four-horse field were running for the full purse, including Breviary. Bred in Maryland by Spendthrift Farm, the 5-year-old mare rallied from last as the longest shot on the board at 11-1 to win by a half-length over Malibu Beauty. The victory was her first in a stakes, and eighth overall, in a career with eight starts (three wins) in 2020, eight more (zero wins) in 2021 and five scores from 15 starts in a busy 2022. The daughter of former Country Life Farm stallion Super Ninety Nine tried a Timonium starter allowance Sept. 4, and finished second . . . Owner Larry Rabold and trainer Hugh McMahon teamed up to win a $62,440 three-other-than optional claimer with Youngest of Five Sept. 4. The Maryland-bred son of Super Saver and the Not For Love mare Roadtohanna scored for the seventh time while pushing his career earnings to $329,939. . . Angel Cruz won the jockeys' race, punctuated with a rich allowance score by Ain't Da Beer Cold Sept. 5. Trained by Ken Cox for Matt Spencer, Kelly Jo Cox and Bonuccelli Racing, the 4-year-old Freedom Child gelding won for the third time this year and fifth overall while pushing his bankroll to $250,594. Cruz won a dozen races at the meet, to outpace eight from Jeiron Barbosa. ◆

Repository II



Last month I wrote about the somewhat "wild west" atmosphere that reigned at Thoroughbred sales prior to 1996. Each sales company had a unique set of conditions of sale tailored to the interests of the sales company's unique situation. Keeneland, controlled by commercial breeders, had no guarantees as to the soundness of the horses that it was selling and a rather cavalier attitude toward customer service.

Fasig-Tipton, the Avis to Keeneland's Hertz, was much more buyer friendly and allowed the winning bidder to have a purchased horse vetted post sale and before it left the sales grounds. Its conditions of sale stated that if, upon inspection, the horse was found to have "a defect of bone structure which substantially impaired its ability to race or train, the said horse may be returned to the consignor as unsold." The Fasig-Tipton conditions of sale even provided for an arbitration process for those cases in which the consignor's veterinarian disagreed with the buyer's veterinarian.

As the 1990s progressed and the veterinarians continued to hold greater sway in horsemen's buying decisions it became obvious that a system had to be devised to insure horses would remain sold at the "fall of the hammer" and that the ridiculous, time-consuming and resource-depleting process whereby horses were getting X-rayed multiple times prior to going through the ring would be replaced.

The height of this untenable situation displayed itself in 1995 at the Barretts March 2-year-old sale. The horse who would become Unbridled's Song (Unbridled—Trolley Song, by Caro-Ire) sold as a yearling in 1994 for $200,000 to Ernie Paragallo, who pinhooked the horse as a 2-year-old for a world record $1.4 million. However, the high bidder returned the colt after his veterinarian detected a bone chip, a claim disputed by Paragallo. Unbridled's Song subsequently raced for Paragallo's Paraneck Stable.

At 2, Unbridled Song broke his maiden at Saratoga in his first start, ran fourth to Maria's Mon in the Champagne Stakes-G1 and then defeated Hennessy in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile-G1. At 3, Unbridled's Song won the Florida Derby-G1 and Wood Memorial-G2. A quarter crack compromised his chances in the Kentucky Derby-G1, and he finished fifth as the favorite to Grindstone.

Clearly, a system that returned this horse to the seller was broken. With this as the backdrop, Keeneland and Fasig-Tipton put their competitiveness aside and devised what we now know as the repository. With the help of the American Association of Equine Practitioners, the sales companies created a protocol of 32 X-ray views deemed the minimum to be diagnostic for a pre-purchase examination of a racehorse. Each company created a location where veterinarians could view sets of X-rays submitted by the consignors' veterinarians and certified to be true and accurate representations of the subject horse taken within 10 days of the sale date.

This new system was clearly advantageous to buyers who now had protection at Keeneland as long as they were willing to engage a veterinarian to look at the films of all of the horses that interested them. While expensive, it was cheaper than buying an unsuitable horse and being stuck with it. At Fasig-Tipton it was clearly advantageous to sellers who now knew that a horse was sold at "the fall of the hammer." The added expense for the seller to obtain the X-rays was offset by the knowledge that the horse could not be returned.

Veterinarians routinely charged about $500 to take a set of films and, at the sales, they charged $100 to review the films for a potential buyer. This turned out to be a great and almost foolproof system for the purchase and sale of horses at the top end of the market. Where the process struggled was at the lower end of the market when the cost of the X-rays, when coupled with sales commissions, could eat up a significant portion of the sales price. Meanwhile, buyers at this end of the market, who often selected their prospects in the back walking ring, could hardly afford to have the films of hundreds of horses viewed on their behalf.

A veterinarian, after taking and reading the films, would provide the consignor with a report of the findings. Enterprising consignors, frustrated that their horses' X-rays were not being viewed in the repository, began to show these reports to potential buyers at the barn and at the ring. Many consignors had serious discussions with their veterinarians to make them understand these reports had to be written in laymen's terms because they were often being read by unsophisticated buyers in the 30 seconds before the horse entered the sales ring.

As the X-ray reports became important selling tools, unscrupulous consignors began to manipulate the wording of these reports before printing them out and including them in their sales books. By changing words like "moderate" to "slight" or completely altering reports to make the report "clean" a seller could mislead a potential buyer reading the report at ringside. To combat this practice the sales companies now require a duplicate report to be filed in the repository by the veterinarian. Also, many buyers have started to take cell phone photos of the report so that it can be compared to the file report or the actual set of X-rays submitted.

From my view as a consignor, the repository is a double-edged sword. A horse with a minor defect can be dramatically discounted once the rumor mill gets going. A buyer who really wants to buy a horse might tell a friend that the horse "didn't vet" and, if this was a "talking horse" on the grounds, the word would spread like wildfire and damage the horse's chances of bringing a premium price. On the other hand, many horses go to the ring without their films ever being viewed. Those horses sell, often very well, on their vet reports as well as their pedigree and physical appearance. And they stay sold.

The repository, even though it adds expense to the seller, has gone a long way in improving buyer confidence and, in the end, buyer confidence is what drives an auction market and allows everyone to thrive. ◆

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Star sprinters join Maryland-bred Hall of Fame

By Cindy Deubler

Timonium hosted the 2022 Maryland-bred Thoroughbred Hall of Fame induction Sept. 3, and fittingly, Eclipse Award-winning sprinters Star de Naskra and Smoke Glacken had a connection to the track.

The celebration took place 45 years to the day that Star de Naskra made the sixth start of his 2-year-old campaign in the Timonium Futurity and defeated the favored Forever Casting. Nearly 15 family members of Star de Naskra's late breeder/owner Carlyle "Jiggs" Lancaster attended the ceremony and recalled the heady days of traveling as a family to the colt's races.

"My father started the breeding as a hobby," said his son, Carl Lancaster. "It was fun."

Lancaster was a lawyer and partner in the firm of Lancaster, Bland, Eisele and Herring, which represented William J. Levitt when he developed Belair at Bowie. Lancaster had a 30-acre farm in Bowie near the Bowie racecourse and the former site of William Woodward's once famous Belair Stud.

Jiggs' daughter Cheryl Lancaster cherishes a framed photo taken by her father of Star de Naskra as a 3-month-old foal. "We were always encouraged to go into their stalls as babies," she said. "It was good for them to have interaction."

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Star de Naskra won an Eclipse Awward in 1979.

Star de Naskra earned national championship honors as a 4-year-old in 1979, when he won six of 10 starts (and was disqualified from another win), including the Whitney and Bold Ruler stakes, and Cornhusker and Carter handicaps, the latter while defeating Alydar.

"I liked watching my father and how excited he would get. No matter where we were," said Carl, who was in his late 20s at the time. "Especially at some of those big races. We were rubbing elbows with people big in horse racing.

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Smoke Glacken was a Grade 1 winner at 2 and Eclipse Award-winning sprinter at 3.

And my dad would say 'I'm just a Bowie boy from Maryland.'"

After Star de Naskra defeated Cox's Ridge to win the Whitney at Saratoga, Jiggs Lancaster took his family to dinner at nearby Siro's. "We went in there and they asked, 'Can we help you?' and they were all dressed in white and my dad said, 'I just won the Whitney.' My dad liked to have a good time and they had a piano bar, and we were carrying on. The next day in the [*Daily*] *Racing Form* there was an article that the trainer of Star de Naskra was at Siro's in the piano bar. But it was really my dad.

"[Trainer] Richard Ferris came into the barn and said, 'Did you see this article? I don't remember being at the piano bar at Siro's.'"

Trained throughout by Ferris, Star de Naskra was campaigned by his breeder until early in the 1979 season when Lancaster sold a half-interest to William duPont III's Pillar Stud in Lexington, Ky., where he eventually retired to stud. In 36 starts from 2 to 4, Star de Naskra won 15 races, eight stakes, and finished worse than fourth only three times.

The son of Naskra and the Clandestine mare Candle Star, by Clandestine, earned $587,391 before an injury following a fourth in the 1979 Vosburgh-G1 forced his retirement. He was named Maryland-bred Horse of the Year and Maryland-bred champion older male that year.

"We all had jobs and it was hard to get away," said Carl. "Dad would call and say, 'He's running tomorrow, see if you can be there.' OK. When we went to New York for the Eclipse Awards–we were all finding a way to do that."

Of all the wonderful memories, Cheryl called the Eclipse Awards a highlight. "It was at the Waldorf Astoria. The speaker was the actor John Forsythe. And Daddy was sitting there fighting back the tears. He was so proud."

Star de Naskra's Eclipse Award and other prizes from his career are housed at the Belair Stable and Mansion Museum in Bowie.

Nearly 20 years after Star de Naskra's heroics, trainer Henry Carroll saw something special in a solidly built gray/roan son of Two Punch in the Kirkwood Stables consignment at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-old sale at Timo-

Jim McCue

The Maryland Thoroughbred Hall of Fame presentation at Timonium brought out many members of Jiggs Lancaster's family (from left) Candace J. Washing, daughters Joan L. Carr and Cheryl Lancaster and son Carl, Mindy Tryzinski with daughters Torey and Caroline, Carl's wife Dorothy Lancaster and Nick Tryzinski, along with staff of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, members of the Maryland Racing Media Association and Maryland State Fair chairman of the board Gerry Brewster (blue shirt, center).

nium in May 1996. He bid $65,000 for the colt named Smoke Glacken and added a future champion to his stable.

Smoke Glacken took home his Eclipse Award after a 3-year-old season in 1997 in which he captured six of eight starts. He wrapped up a championship with wins in his final three starts – the Riva Ridge-G3 at Belmont Park, Jersey Shore-G3 at Monmouth and Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash-G2 at Laurel, the latter facing older runners for the first time. Trained by Carroll, Smoke Glacken raced for the partnership of Alex Karkenny, William Roberts and Robert Levy. His breeder, Perry Rosebrock, sold the colt out of the Magesterial mare Majesty's Crown as a weanling at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December sale for $14,700.

A Grade 1 winner at 2 in Saratoga's Hopeful Stakes, Smoke Glacken was Maryland-bred Horse of the Year at 3 and a two-time divisional champion. He retired with 10 wins, nine in stakes, two seconds and a third and earnings of $759,560 in 14 starts in a racing career which lasted just over a year.

The newest inductees joined the Hall after a vote by a committee of Maryland racing industry members coordinated by the Maryland Horse Breeders Association and Maryland Racing Media Association.

"It's a testament to the quality of Maryland-breds over the years that the 30th and 31st horses in our Hall of Fame were both Eclipse Award-winning sprinters," said MRMA president Frank Vespe. "Star de Naskra and Smoke Glacken both tackled, and often defeated, the best of their generation, and they are truly deserving of this recognition."

"With the Maryland Thoroughbred Hall of Fame inductees each year we are able to shine a light on important Maryland-bred horses. This year two Eclipse Award-winning Champion Sprinters have been selected," said Cricket Goodall, executive director of the MHBA, "and it is a chance for many to learn about these horses and their connections. We congratulate them."

The Hall of Fame was initiated in 2013 to celebrate the excellence of state-bred Thoroughbred horses.

An inaugural class of 12 started the process.

Smoke Glacken and Star de Naskra join Awad, Broad Brush, Caesar's Wish, Challedon, Cigar, Concern, Conniver, Dave's Friend, Deputed Testamony, Devil's Bag, El Gran Senor, Find, Gallorette, Heavenly Cause, Jameela, J. O. Tobin, Kauai King, Little Bold John, Politely, Safely Kept, Social Outcast, Twixt, Vertex, What a Summer and Youth and steeplechasers Elkridge, Good Night Shirt, Jay Trump and Tuscalee.

Find more on the 2022 class and others at mdthoroughbredhalloffame.com. ❧

Maryland-bred Stakes Winners

Alottahope does it again in Robert Hilton Memorial

Coady Photography

Alottahope, little brother of two-time Maryland-bred champion Street Lute, is emerging from her shadow after his second stakes win in a row in the Robert Hilton Memorial Stakes on Charles Town Classic night at the West Virginia track Aug. 26.

Coming off a 15-length score in the Star de Naskra for Maryland-breds in July at Laurel, the No Guts No Glory Farm colorbearer went off the second choice in the field of 10 3-year-olds who shipped in from all over the country.

The Jerry Robb trainee caught a break when Local Motive was scratched, enabling stablemate Al Loves Josie to draw in off the also-eligible list. Al Loves Josie blasted to the front from his outside post and set an honest pace in the 7-furlong $250,000 Hilton. Alottahope rated in mid-pack, launched his bid with just over a furlong to go, took control at the head of the stretch and widened to win by 2¾ lengths in 1:24.59.

Alottahope's fifth win in 10 starts was worth $144,055, boosting his total bankroll to $323,915. He was bred by Dr. and Mrs. Tom Bowman and Dr. Brooke Bowman, who also bred Street Lute (by Street Magician) out of their Midnight Lute mare Alottalute. Alottahope is from the first crop of Editorial, who stood his first two years at the Bowman family's Roland Farm in Warwick.

Robb purchased Street Lute, whom he trains for Lucky 7 Stables, as a yearling in 2019 for $10,500 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall sale. She is an eight-time stakes winner with earnings of $617,520. Robb went directly to the well since, acquiring Alottahope and current 2-year-old filly Mama's Eyes (a full-sister to Street Lute) privately from the Bowmans in 2020 after Street Lute won her first race. Mama's Eyes, a May 22 foal, made her debut Sept. 2 at Timonium and finished third.

Given a year off in 2021, Alottalute produced a colt by Game Winner for Bowman and Higgins Stable in March this year and was bred back to Nyquist. ❧

Jim McCue

Breviary pulls upset in Timonium Distaff

Breviary won her first stakes in surprise fashion, scoring as the longest shot on the board in the Timonium Distaff at the Maryland State Fair's Timonium meet Aug. 27.

Heading into the 1 1/16-mile contest, the 5-year-old mare had won two of her prior three races, and had won four times during a busy 13-start season. She was 20-1 on the morning line for the race which originally drew 10 entries. Six horses scratched, which made Breviary's task a bit easier, but she still went off at nearly 11-1.

Taken off the pace, she bided her time before making a move around the final of three turns, and wore down Malibu Beauty to win by a half-length in 1:45.85.

The daughter of Super Ninety Nine, is owned and trained by Mario Serey Jr. and was bred by Spendthrift Farm. She's the fourth winner from five starters, and first stakes winner, out of the Eddington mare Taconic Victory. A two-time winner from 14 career starts, Taconic Victory has also produced Confessor, an 11-time winner with earnings of $393,461. Breviary's full-sister, 4-year-old Divine Victory, hit the board three times in four 2022 starts.

Taconic Victory sold at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December sale in 2017, carrying Divine Victory, for $10,000. Her other reported foal since is a 2-year-old colt by Dortmund named Wind Event. She was bred to Blofeld for 2023.

Breviary launched her career as a 3-year-old. Within a six weeks in July and August 2020, she won three straight for Soggy Dollar Racing and trainer Carl Doran. She became a regular in stakes company over the next year, but didn't hit the board in any of her attempts before sliding down the claiming ranks. Serey took her for $5,000 at Laurel Park in February. In 15 starts this year she has earned $190,837 with a record of 5-5-2; for her career she has a record of 31-8-6-3 for $299,446.

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Fille d'Esprit rides rail to Seeking the Pearl win

The Jerry Robb stable was firing on all cylinders this summer, and Fille d'Esprit kept doing her part, taking the Seeking the Pearl at Colonial Downs Aug. 16 for her third stakes win of the year.

The daughter of Great Notion lost all chance in her prior outing, the Alma North at Laurel, when she caused a ruckus in the starting gate, had to be backed out and reloaded and was never a factor during the running.

Better gate behavior and a rail-skimming ride proved the difference in the 7-furlong Seeking the Pearl a month later. She rallied in the stretch and pulled clear to win by 1¼ lengths.

Since finishing third in the Barbara Fritchie Stakes-G3 in February, Fille d'Esprit has been first or second in six stakes. The 6-year-old bay mare co-owned by Robb and his wife Gina's No Guts No Glory Farm, along with C J I Phoenix Group, has won 10 races lifetime from 20 starts for earnings of $488,781.

Bred by Sweet Spirits Stables, Fille d'Esprit is the first foal out of the No Armistice mare Sweet Valor, making her three-quarters in blood related to the Robbs' retired stable star Anna's Bandit.

"Fille d'Sprit and Anna have a look to them, and they look so much alike," said Gina Robb. "They're built like bricks."

Anna's Bandit, an earner of $806,655 with 17 wins in 39 starts, is still owned by the Robbs, and is carrying her first foal, to the cover of Tapit. ❧

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Spun Glass wins Camptown with strong late move

Spun Glass made it two stakes wins in a row when she rallied late in the 5½-furlong Camptown Stakes over the Colonial Downs turf Sept. 7.

Off a win in Laurel Park's 5½-furlong Jameela for Maryland-breds, she started as the favorite in a field of 10 in the Camptown, which she qualified for by being Virginia-certified.

The 5-year-old chestnut mare broke well, raced midpack early, was forced to check heading into the turn and lacked room until a hole opened at about the three-sixteenths pole before winning by three-quarters of a length in 1:03.03.

In getting her third win in five starts this year, she boosted her earnings to $261,099 from 18 starts for owner/breeder R. Larry Johnson and trainer Mike Trombetta. The daughter of Hard Spun is the fourth winner from four foals of racing age for Johnson homebred Allwewantforxmas (by Songandaprayer), who earned $211,794 and was stakes-placed in turf sprints twice. Allwewantforxmas is also the dam of 2022 stakes-placed Xmas Surprise, a 4-year-old daughter of More Than Ready. Xmas Surprise's year-younger full-brother, A Lot Like Xmas, broke his maiden over the Colonial Downs turf course Aug. 31. Allwewantforxmas produced a full-brother to Spun Glass in 2021, delivered a Gun Runner filly this year and was bred back to Caravaggio. ❧

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Bandits Heart wins Dover in front-running fashion

Anna's Bandit was a fan favorite in the Mid-Atlantic region. In her 39-race career, she won 11 stakes races, including five in a row, and earned $806,655.

Her younger half-brother Bandits Heart began his quest to make a name for himself after winning Delaware Park's Dover Stakes Sept. 1.

Bandits Heart was one of three Maryland-breds in the six-horse field trained by Jerry The 1-2 favorite was stablemate Riccio, off a maiden victory at Delaware and allowance score at Colonial Downs. Bandits Heart also last raced at Colonial, a sixth in the Hickory Tree Stakes in his debut. In the Dover, he went off as the

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9-2 third choice. General J R, a 32-1 outsider, rounded out the Robb contingent.

Bandits Heart stumbled from the inside post, but recovered quickly and went to the lead. Pressured from the outside, he ran the first quarter :21.90 and moved strongly into the stretch and had plenty left to never be in danger of being caught, winning by 2 lengths. The son of Mosler covered 5½ furlongs in 1:04.90.

Bandits Heart is a homebred for Robb and wife Gina's No Guts No Glory Farm. They also campaigned homebred Anna's Bandit.

Robb bought Onearmedbandit, the dam of Bandits Heart and Anna's Bandit, for $13,500 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale in 2007. The daughter of No Armistice won seven of 22 starts, was a stakes winner at 2, placed in five stakes and earned $304,878. From six foals of racing age, she's produced five starters (all winners), including Bandits Heart's full-sister Bandits Warrior.

"She nicks really well with Mosler," said Gina Robb. "We don't really go to Kentucky, we try to stay close to home, so my options are kind of limited. I think Mosler is one of the most good-looking sires in Maryland. That helped make our decision as well."

Onearmedbandit is the dam of a yearling colt by Golden Lad named Banditsgoldenchild, and delivered a filly by Golden Lad in April. The 16-year-old mare failed to get in foal this year.

"We'll breed her back in February," said Gina, "but haven't figured out what we're doing yet."

Juvenile Simply Super gets up to win Hickory Tree

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Simply Super became the first Maryland-bred member of the class of 2020 to win a stakes when he captured the $150,000 Hickory Tree at Colonial Downs by a half-length Aug. 9.

The dark bay colt broke his maiden in his debut at Keeneland April 20. However, he was well-beaten in the Kentucky Juvenile and Bashford Manor at Churchill Downs. Trainer Mike Maker aimed for Colonial next, taking advantage of his Virginia certification to enter the Hickory Tree. The son of Super Saver went off as the 3-2 second choice in a field of eight behind Maryland-bred Heldish, a winner at Laurel Park July 1.

Simply Super rated off Heldish in the 5-furlong dash through an opening quarter in :21.87, drew alongside entering the stretch and edged clear to stop the clock in :56.74.

The $30,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall sales yearling is owned by Maxis Stable. His win in the Hickory Tree boosted his career earnings to $97,819.

Simply Super was bred by Emcee Stable out of So You Know, a winning daughter of Jump Start and stakes winner Our Fantene and a half-sister to 2013 General George Handicap-G3 winner Javerre. Simply Super is the mare's first named foal.

My Thoughts digs in to win Fort Indiantown Gap Stakes

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Harry Kassap's homebred filly My Thoughts survived a stretch duel in the $50,000 Fort Indiantown Gap Stakes Aug. 19 at Penn National for her first stakes win.

One of two 3-year-olds in the field of 10 tackling 1 1/16 miles over a firm grass course, the daughter of former Maryland sire Editorial broke alertly, was placed along the rail and rated off fractions of :22.17, :45.05 and 1:08.98. Angled out around the turn as she made her bid for the lead, she was joined by 24-1 longshot Swan Point and battled to the wire, with My Thoughts winning in a head bob. The final time was 1:39.94.

A three-time winner in eight starts, with earnings of $97,265, My Thoughts is trained by Tim Woolley. She was stakes-placed at 2 when second by a half-length at 38-1 in the Maryland Million Lassie in her second start.

My Thoughts is out of $119,550-earner Be My Love, a daughter of With Distinction and stakes winner Arealhotlover. Be My Love is a half-sister to Uncle Vinny, winner of the 2015 Sanford Stakes-G3, listed stakes winner Legal Laura and stakes-placed Lu Lu Laura. Legal Laura produced 2020 stakes winner Legal Deal.

From five named foals, Be My Love has produced four starters and four winners. My Thoughts is her first stakes winner. The mare has a 2-year-old by Editorial named Atlas Strong, and wasn't bred for 2021. She delivered a colt by First Mondays in February and was bred back to that stallion.

La Castiglione adds Arizona Downs Distaff

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La Castiglione further established herself as the Queen of the Desert when she won the Arizona Downs Distaff Aug. 15 for her second consecutive stakes win during a five-race win streak.

Off a half-length score in the Queen's Stakes, the 4-year-old filly went immediately to the front, and had plenty left at the end. The filly with "a torrid love affair with Arizona Downs" per track announcer Mike Dimoff crossed the wire 1½ lengths in front in 1:38.20 for 1 mile.

La Castiglione won for the eighth time in 20 starts while lifting her earnings to $140,202. Trained by Juan Quintana Gutierrez, she's owned by Jeff Jacobs, who claimed her for $7,500 in September 2021 at Monmouth, and transferred her to Gutierrez at the start of 2022.

La Castiglione was bred by Dr. and Mrs. Tom Bowman, Dr. Brooke Bowman, and Becky Davis. By former Pennsylvania stallion Uncle Lino, who now stands at Northview Stallion Station in Chesapeake City, Md., she's the fourth stakes performer out of the Distorted Humor mare Perverse, a $200,000 Keeneland sales yearling purchased and campaigned by Larry Karp. The mare produced five foals for Karp through 2013, including stakes-placed $426,988-earner Ignite (by Jump Start) and the E Dubai-sired stakes-placed $235,712-earner Instructor Kunu; since 2014 Perverse has had six foals for the Bowmans, including stakes-placed juvenile filly Belial (by Tritap).

Seven of Perverse's eight foals to race are winners, including current 3-year-old filly Dry Well (by Divining Rod). The mare has a yearling colt by Golden Lad and a filly by Great Notion born in February and was bred back to Great Notion for 2023. ❧

Maryland Horse Foundation receives grant from TERF

The Maryland Horse Foundation received a grant from the Thoroughbred Education and Research Foundation to be used for educational programs and promotion of MarylandHorse.com.

TERF's mission is to support Thoroughbred health and welfare by funding scholarships, educational programs, and equine research with a priority to make racing safer, the values set forth by founders Herb and Ellen Moelis. The board consists of co-chairs Kathleen Anderson DVM and James Orsini DVM, Margaret Duprey, Gretchen and Roy Jackson, the Moelises, Wendy Moon, Anita Motion, Scott Palmer VMD, Josh Pons, Lucy Zungailia, Katelyn Jackson and Lynne Cassimeris Ph.D.

The Maryland Horse Foundation educational programs include the Maryland Thoroughbred Career Program, designed to increase awareness of career options in the Thoroughbred industry and give participants access to leaders in the community, along with the work experience program, which allows applicants to design a custom internship experience that will benefit their long-term career goals.

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Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks
June 1 to June 30, 2022

Breeder bonuses

Includes the additional 10 percent Maryland-sired bonus for winners of maiden races, initiated Jan. 1 during the 2022 Laurel winter meet. That bonus is reflected in the second figure earned for the race.

Anchor and Hope Farm Inc.—Winked: June 17, 6th race, $945.

Annette Eubanks and Daniel Eubanks—Lookin Spunky: June 17, 3rd race, $945.

Sharon Banford—Ripken: June 25, 3rd race, $2,340.

Barak Farm—Lady Mosler: June 17, 6th race, $1,890. Royal Whisper: June 18, 9th race, $2,400. She Is Wisky: June 12, 5th race, $1,440. Vodkatini: June 12, 6th race, $7,020; June 12, 6th race, $2,340. ($15,090)

Barak Farm and Dinos Thoroughbreds LLC—Gustav's Girl: June 4, 3rd race, $8,280.

Barak Farm and Sharon Dodgen—Backnthewoods: June 10, 7th race, $8,640.

Estate of Earl Barnhart—Somekindofmagician: June 19, 5th race, $4,500.

BB Horses—Ladro Di Fichi: June 4, 3rd race, $2,760; June 26, 1st race, $2,760. ($5,520)

Best A Luck Farm LLC—Pickin Sea Glass: June 10, 4th race, $945; June 25, 5th race, $1,170. ($2,115)

Charles Blanford—Uncle Irish: June 11, 9th race, $8,640.

Richard F. Blue Jr.—Imagine It All: June 4, 10th race, $1,170. Prince Pere: June 17, 8th race, $1,200. Seville Row: June 17, 2nd race, $780. ($3,150)

Bonita Farm and Partners—Evangeline Allons: June 19, 3rd race, $750.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Michael Bishop—Image Maker: June 4, 9th race, $1,440.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Dr. Brooke Bowman—Foxtrot Seville: June 18, 6th race, $1,890. Green Eyes: June 12, 4th race, $4,500. ($6,390)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Rebecca Davis—Claire's Darling: June 19, 1st race, $3,360.

Bowman and Higgins Stable—Congress Hall: June 10, 1st race, $720. Rustys Gfivefifty: June 12, 7th race, $2,400. ($3,120)

William Andrew Campbell—Seven On the Rocks: June 10, 5th race, $8,640.

CandyLand Farm—Flaming East: June 10, 6th race, $5,670/$1,890. ($7,560)

Melissa Cantacuzene—Charming Way: June 11, 7th race, $2,400.

Dennis A. Cardoza—Captain Cardo: June 11, 5th race, $4,500.

Louis C. Carrico—Divine Proportion: June 17, 9th race, $1,320.

Classic Thoroughbred—Callyourightback: June 24, 3rd race, $750.

Susan S. Cooney—Meliponini Bee: June 18, 6th race, $945.

Cordelia Stables LLC—Dontforgettoblink: June 18, 5th race, $1,020; June 25, 4th race, $630. Rebel Victory: June 17, 5th race, $1,020. ($2,670)

Country Life Farm—Billingsgate: June 24, 1st race, $750.

Country Life Farm and As Long As Ittakes LLC—Jasontakeslong: June 24, 4th race, $990.

Country Life Farm and Broken Trust Fund LLC-Wicked Prankster: June 24, 6th race, $990.

Country Life Farm and Fifteen Moons LLC—Moonsafe: June 18, 9th race, $1,200.

Country Life Farm and Laura's Moon LLC—Joe Mike Jim: June 18, 7th race, $1,980.

Country Life Farm and Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—Mr. Mox: June 11, 3rd race, $2,400.

Maryland-bred top earners in 2022

(through September 1)

1.	Knicks Go	$585,000	
2.	Fille d'Esprit	304,455	
3.	Alottahope	272,175	
4.	Luna Belle	255,000	
5.	Field Pass	239,553	
6.	Eastern Bay	236,507	
7.	Divine Huntress	224,555	
8.	Aloha West	196,222	
9.	Cordmaker	195,000	
10.	Joe	194,744	
11.	Mama G's Wish	$174,765	
12.	Breviary	155,087	
13.	Whereshetoldmetogo	147,504	
14.	Sweet Gracie	136,464	
15.	Plot the Dots	136,389	
16.	Proper Attire	135,678	
17.	Uncle Irish	135,247	
18.	Commanding General	133,235	
19.	Jaxon Traveler	133,100	
20.	Kiss the Girl	132,000	

Country Life Farm and Miss Moonshine LLC—At the Gate: June 12, 8th race, $750.

Country Life Farm and Missy Rules LLC—Wonder Water: June 25, 8th race, $2,340.

Country Life Farm and Moonlit Malibu LLC—Esperannna: June 17, 3rd race, $5,670/$1,890. ($7,560)

Country Life Farm and Sassy Molly LLC—Jebologist: June 19, 6th race, $1,200.

CRK Stable LLC—Mejoramiga: June 26, 6th race, $630.

Crystal Park Stables Inc.—Carolina Ice: June 10, 1st race, $1,440.

Dark Hollow Farm—Consultant: June 4, 6th race, $1,440. Ellanation: June 4, 8th race, $1,560. ($3,000)

John C. Davison—Inside Stunt: June 10, 4th race, $5,670; June 26, 2nd race, $5,760. Super Love: June 19, 6th race, $7,200. ($18,630)

Tori M. deVries and Broad Creek Bloodstock LLC—Divine Victory: June 18, 3rd race, $630.

D. Hatman Thoroughbreds LLC—Audacious Quality: June 4, 6th race, $8,640.

Dragon's Lair Farm LLC—Baptize the Boy: June 10, 3rd race, $720. Like n' Eagle: June 11, 4th race, $1,500. ($2,220)

Finale Farm and Mr. and Mrs. David Moose—Gormley's Gabriela: June 19, 2nd race, $1,380.

Finn's Nickel LLC and Copper Penny Stables-Bourbon On the Bay: June 10, 6th race, $945.

Fitzhugh LLC—Welling: June 12, 7th race, $1,200.

Gainesway Thoroughbreds Limited—Petition Prayer: June 18, 9th race, $7,200.

Robert J. Gerczak—Antipoison: June 17, 2nd race, $1,560. Arbutus: June 4, 1st race, $510. ($2,070)

Glenangus Farm LLC—Eifs: June 10, 1st race, $4,320. Grand Manner: June 17, 7th race, $2,760. ($7,080)

Grandview Stable Inc. and Dominick J. Juno—Dolice Vita: June 26, 9th race, $4,500/$1,500. ($6,000)

Keith A. Harpster—Lunar Dash: June 4, 10th race, $2,340; June 25, 5th race, $2,340. ($4,680)

Harry Kassap LLC—Left Blank: June 25, 10th race, $4,500/$1,500. Samui Sunset: June 11, 10th race, $4,500; June 24, 6th race, $5,940. ($16,440)

Hearts Desire Farm LLC and Winding Creek Farm—Looks Don't Lie: June 11, 6th race, $7,020.

Hillwood Stable LLC—Call Me Plucky: June 26, 8th race, $1,440.

Jagger Inc.—Berks: June 4, 2nd race, $960.

R. Larry Johnson—Believeinrocknroll: June 24, 3rd race, $1,500. Class Wizard: June 10, 4th race, $1,890. Here Wego: June 18, 1st race, $1,020. Hollywood Walk: June 12, 6th race, $1,170. Oldies But Goodies: June 11, 8th race, $3,120. Spun Glass: June 5, 6th race, $10,080. Votethemallout: June 25, 3rd race, $7,020. ($25,800)

Carol A. Kaye—Can the Queen: June 19, 9th race, $4,500.

David N. Krasnoff—Solomon's Choice: June 26, 9th race, $1,500.

Alan Kline Marital Trust, Frankie Kline, Trustee—My My Girl: June 3, 6th race, $8,640.

Lady Olivia at North Cliff LLC—Night Boss: June 25, 10th race, $1,500.

Carl Lanier—He's Not Curly: June 5, 9th race, $510. He's Orientate: June 10, 7th race, $2,880. ($3,390)

James Lee Lawrence II and Lawrence Stables Inc.—Lady Cage Fighter: June 12, 8th race, $4,500/$1,500. My Mamba: June 12, 2nd race, $5,670/$1,890. ($13,560)

Kenneth F. Lowe Jr.—Mr. Mosley: June 24, 7th race, $630. Special Freedom: June 17, 1st race, $3,780. ($4,410)

Marathon Farm Inc.—Fool Yourself: June 11, 7th race, $7,200.

Helen C. Marshall—Take Charge Too: June 24, 5th race, $2,340.

Mary E. Eppler Racing Stable and A. Leonard Pineau—Amicalola Falls: June 25, 4th race, $1,260.

Mike Dalton LLC—Quincannon: June 10, 6th race, $1,890; June 24, 5th race, $1,170. ($3,060)

Kevin P. Morgan—Mr. d'Angelo: June 26, 8th race, $8,640.

Morgan's Ford Farm—Nicolar: June 18, 4th race, $1,980.

Edmund T. Mudge IV—Amplio Esquema: June 11, 2nd race, $5,760.

Murmur Farm—Goldenize: June 19, 6th race, $2,400.

Audrey R. Murray—Pounding Music: June 11, 2nd race, $960.

Nancy Lee Farms—Eastern Bay: June 19, 8th race, $10,080. Polish Cookie: June 17, 3rd race, $1,890. ($11,970)

No Guts No Glory Farm—Bandits Warrior: June 12, 5th race, $8,640. Big Daddy D R: June 3, 4th race, $1,260. Cocktail Dreaming: June 19, 2nd race, $8,280/$2,760. General J R: June 3, 1st race, $2,760. ($23,700)

Clarke Ohrstrom—Giantsbane: June 5, 3rd race, $945.

Cynthia Pence and Philip Spingler—Nick Papagiorgio: June 19, 5th race, $13,500.

A. Leonard Pineau—No More Mask: June 3, 2nd race, $4,680.

Avla R. Pitts—Zola B: June 19, 3rd race, $1,500.

Jennifer H. Pitts—Emerald Lace: June 11, 6th race, $2,340.

Vivian E. Rall—Epic Idea: June 4, 8th race, $3,120.

Cynthia K. Rickman—Embrace the Whinny: June 17, 1st race, $630.

Randy Ridgely and Gary Ridgely—Wicked Hot: June 3, 8th race, $1,440.

Timothy J. Rooney—B Determined: June 19, 5th race, $2,250. Oil On Canvas: June 25, 7th race, $780. ($3,030)

Shamrock Farm—Albertano: June 24, 4th race, $5,940. Sue Loves Barbados: June 17, 8th race, $2,40—8,340)

M. Terry Shane—Margie's Heaven: June 26, 7th race, $9,360.

Mary Slade—Island Philo: June 5, 1st race, $5,760; June 18, 10th race, $5,940. ($11,700)

Hamilton A. Smith—I'm Gittin There: June 3, 6th race, $1,440.

James Claude Smith Jr.—Claudee Boy: June 25, 5th race, $7,020. Princess Palmer: June 11, 6th race, $1,170. ($8,190)

South Branch Equine LLC—Favorite Image: June 11, 10th race, $1,500. Fleeting Atte: June 10, 9th race, $1,380. Who's Counting: June 26, 5th race, $2,880. ($5,760)

Bob G. Sowder—Goldie's Boy: June 11, 10th race, $750.

Matt Spencer and Kelly Cox—Ain't Da Beer Cold: June 12, 3rd race, $3,120.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Spingler and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mongold—Oro Gris: June 26, 9th race, $750.

Swillcan Stables LLC—Mr Thrifty: June 12, 7th race, $7,200.

Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC—Fire in the Hole: June 25, 9th race, $1,440. Frightland: June 17, 7th race, $8,280. Honor Your Mother: June 11, 7th race, $1,200. Whiteknuckleflyer: June 12, 1st race, $8,640. ($19,560)

Thomas L. Teal—Chargina: June 5, 1st race, $1,920. Rad Paisley: June 4, 4th race, $780. ($2,700)

The Elkstone Group LLC—Plot the Dots: June 4, 7th race, $10,080. Rationalmillennial: June 26, 6th race, $3,780. ($13,860)

Thornmar Farm LLC—Blue Collar Boom: June 24, 5th race, $7,020. Coconut Cake: June 19, 9th race, $2,250. Must Be Love: June 25, 6th race, $960. Royal Thunder: June 10, 3rd race, $4,320. The Wolfman: June 24, 8th race, $4,500. Why Not Tonight: June 19, 9th race, $13,500. ($32,550)

Thornmar Farm and Colleen Torsney—Justwaveandsmile: June 17, 8th race, $7,200.

Maureen Wade—Pop Pop Susi: June 24, 7th race, $1,260.

Mr. and Mrs. Bayne Welker Jr.—Deshackled: June 4, 5th race, $3,780; June 17, 9th race, $3,960. ($7,740)

Eric J. Wirth—Candy Corner: June 5, 5th race, $3,780.

Woodford Equine—Dreams Delivered: June 12, 2nd race, $945.

Helena Wright—El Bochinche: June 3, 2nd race, $780.

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BANDBOX (Baptize the Boy: June 10, 3rd race, $240. Coconut Cake: June 19, 9th race, $750. He's Not Curly: June 5, 9th race, $170. Like n' Eagle: June 11, 4th race, $500. Pickin Sea Glass: June 10, 4th race, $315; June 25, 5th race, $390. The Wolfman: June 24, 8th race, $1,500): Bandbox Syndicate—$3,865.

BARBADOS (Albertano: June 24, 4th race, $1,980. Island Philo: June 5, 1st race, $1,920; June 18, 10th race, $1,980. Sue Loves Barbados: June 17, 8th race, $800): Shamrock Farm—$6,680.

BLOFELD (Charming Way: June 11, 7th race, $800. Goldenize: June 19, 6th race, $800): Blofeld Syndicate—$1,600.

BOURBON COURAGE (Bourbon On the Bay: June 10, 6th race, $315. Cocktail Dreaming: June 19, 2nd race, $2,760. Solomon's Choice: June 26, 9th race, $500): Bourbon Courage Syndicate—$3,575.

BUFFUM (Pop Pop Susi: June 24, 7th race, $420. Quincannon: June 10, 6th race, $630; June 24, 5th race, $390): Buffum Syndicate—$1,440.

CAGE FIGHTER (Lady Cage Fighter: June 12, 8th race, $1,500): James L. Lawrence II.

DESPITE THE ODDS (Here Wego: June 18, 1st race, $340): R. Larry Johnson.

DIVINING ROD (Dontforgettoblink: June 18, 5th race, $340; June 25, 4th race, $210. Flaming East: June 10, 6th race, $1,890. Jasontakeslong: June 24, 4th race, $330. Mr. Mox: June 11, 3rd race, $800. Petition Prayer: June 18, 9th race, $2,400. Rustys Gfivefifty: June 12, 7th race, $800. Vodkatini: June 12, 6th race, $2,340. Wonder Water: June 25, 8th race, $780): Divining Rod Syndicate—$9,890.

DORTMUND (Dolice Vita: June 26, 9th race, $1,500. Evangeline Allons: June 19, 3rd race, $250): Kaleem S. Shah—$1,750.

FREEDOM CHILD (Ain't Da Beer Cold: June 12, 3rd race, $1,040. Special Freedom: June 17, 1st race, $1,260): Freedom Child Syndicate—$2,300.

FRIESAN FIRE (Ripken: June 25, 3rd race, $780): Friesan Fire Syndicate.

GOLDEN LAD (Embrace the Whinny: June 17, 1st race, $210. Honor Your Mother: June 11, 7th race, $400. I'm Gittin There: June 3, 6th race, $480. Margie's Heaven: June 26, 7th race, $3,120. Oro Gris: June 26, 9th race, $250): Golden Lad Syndicate—$4,460.

GREAT NOTION (El Bochinche: June 3, 2nd race, $260. Epic Idea: June 4, 8th race, $1,040. Meliponini Bee: June 18, 6th race, $315): Great Notion Syndicate—$1,615.

HANGOVER KID (Pounding Music: June 11, 2nd race, $320): Hangover Kid Syndicate.

HOLY BOSS (General J R: June 3, 1st race, $920. Giantsbane: June 5, 3rd race, $315. Lunar Dash: June 4, 10th race, $780; June 25, 5th race, $780. Night Boss: June 25, 10th race, $500): Holy Boss Syndicate—$3,295.

HUNTERS BAY (Eifs: June 10, 1st race, $1,440): Adena Springs for Stronach Group LP.

IMAGINING (Callyourightback: June 24, 3rd race, $250. Claire's Darling: June 19, 1st race, $1,120. Favorite Image: June 11, 10th race, $500. Green Eyes: June 12, 4th race, $1,500. Image Maker: June 4, 9th race, $480. Imagine It All: June 4, 10th race, $390. Winked: June 17, 6th race, $315): Imagining Syndicate—$4,555.

KOBE'S BACK (My Mamba: June 12, 2nd race, $1,890): Bonita Farm.

MADEFROMLUCKY (Lookin Spunky: June 17, 3rd race, $315): Madefromlucky Syndicate.

MOSLER (At the Gate: June 12, 8th race, $250. Bandits Warrior: June 12, 5th race, $2,880. Big Daddy D R: June 3, 4th race, $420. Emerald Lace: June 11, 6th race, $780. Esperannna: June 17, 3rd race, $1,890. Fool Yourself: June 11, 7th race, $2,400. Joe Mike Jim: June 18, 7th race, $660. Lady Mosler: June 17, 6th race, $630. Moonsafe: June 18, 9th race, $400. Mr. Mosley: June 24, 7th race, $210. Rebel Victory: June 17, 5th race, $340. Wicked Hot: June 3, 8th race, $480. Wicked Prankster: June 24, 6th race, $330): Mosler Syndicate—$11,670.

ORIENTATE (He's Orientate: June 10, 7th race, $960. Prince Pere: June 17, 8th race, $400): Orientate Syndicate—$1,360.

OUTFLANKER (Nick Papagiorgio: June 19, 5th race, $4,500): Outflanker Syndicate.

ROCK SLIDE (Seven On the Rocks: June 10, 5th race, $2,880): Shamrock Farms.

SEVILLE (GER) (Amplio Esquema: June 11, 2nd race, $1,920. Foxtrot Seville: June 18, 6th race, $630. Goldie's Boy: June 11, 10th race, $250. Left Blank: June 25, 10th race, $1,500. Mr. d'Angelo: June 26, 8th race, $2,880. Polish Cookie: June 17, 3rd race, $630. Samui Sunset: June 11, 10th race, $1,500; June 24, 6th race, $1,980. Seville Row: June 17, 2nd race, $260): Seville Syndicate—$11,550.

STREET MAGICIAN (Class Wizard: June 10, 4th race, $630. Somekindofmagician: June 19, 5th race, $1,500): R. Larry Johnson—$2,130.

SUPER NINETY NINE (Billingsgate: June 24, 1st race, $250. Divine Victory: June 18, 3rd race, $210): Country Life Farm—$460.

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He'spuregold makes dirt debut a winning one in Charles Hesse III Stakes

Trainer Kelly Breen knew he was rolling the dice a little by trying He'spuregold on the dirt for the first time in his career in the $125,000 Charles Hesse III Handicap at Monmouth Park.

But he also saw enough in the morning from the 4-year-old gelding to give it a try.

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Shortly after being named New Jersey's Champion Turf Runner for 2021, He'spuregold made his dirt debut a winning one with a 2½-length victory in the feature race on the New Jersey Thoroughbred Festival card.

"He has breezed so well over the Monmouth Park dirt and after finally convincing owner John Bowers that he would run well on the dirt [his first 13 career starts were on the turf] this was a perfect opportunity to try," said Breen. "Paco Lopez still thinks he's better on the turf. John Bowers thinks he's better on the turf. He could be better on the turf but pound-for-pound against Jersey-breds he is a top notch horse and this was the perfect spot for him."

The victory by He'spuregold was the fifth in 14 career starts for the Bowers homebred by Vancouver (Aus) out of the multiple stakes winning mare Smart N Classy, and pushed his earnings to $315,720.

He'spuregold was able to stick close to early leader Prendimi in plodding early fractions for the 1 1/16-mile Hesse, and had plenty left when the running started.

After early fractions of :25.13, :49.94 and 1:13.74, He'spuregold sprinted away from the field late, with Golden Brown rallying for second, 2 lengths ahead of Irish Meadow.

"I was worried a little bit about him being on the dirt for the first time," said Lopez. "The past couple of times he has worked on the dirt he didn't work the best but I knew he can handle it. So I was a little concerned about it.

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"I wanted to come from behind, maybe be a couple of lengths off, but no one wanted to take the lead. It was very slow early so my horse was up close right off the leader. This is a very classy horse. He probably showed a little more speed when the 10 horse [Amatteroftime] didn't break and with the fractions being so slow. So I had a good position and a good break. Everything worked out for us."

Speaking defeats older rivals in New Jersey Breeders Handicap

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Holly Crest Farm homebred Speaking broke on top and scored a frontrunning victory in the $100,000 New Jersey Breeders' Handicap at Monmouth Park Aug. 28.

Breaking from post position 2 in the seven-horse field, Speaking traveled up the rail and grabbed the lead, 1 length in front of Dr. Doyle and defending champion Pickin' Time. Speaking set the pace through fractions of :22.11 and :44.67, and his leading margin extended to 2 lengths as the field headed into the stretch and won by a comfortable 1½ lengths over Dr. Doyle. Pianzi rallied from last for a third-place finish.

Winning trainer Eddie Owens Jr. said after the race that the Grade 2 Vosburgh on Oct. 8 at Aqueduct is under consideration for Speaking.

"He's a very consistent horse. The plan, since we were on the inside, was to avoid getting covered up, to get him to the front and let him settle. He did everything perfectly today.

"After his maiden win, I knew he had a chance to be special. I still haven't gotten to the bottom of him yet. I think he will go a little longer. So we may try him next in the Vosburgh. He has shown he can compete against open company. His last race we didn't put enough into him. He put in a very slow work and I don't think we had him tight enough and it showed. He got tired the last sixteenth. We got him ready for this one and he showed what he is capable of."

"Eddie had him ready for this," said winning rider Albin Jimenez. "He put in an extra work and two fast works to have him ready. The plan was to get to the lead and let them see if they can catch him. I wanted to take advantage of the post position [post 2] and get him out there. He was very good today. He's a really nice horse who has shown he doesn't just have to be in with Jersey-breds. He can race against open company too."

The son of Mr Speaker out of High Noon Nellie, by Silver Deputy, has finished first in four of his nine career starts and has earnings of $281,850.

I Can Run earns first stakes win Eleven North Handicap

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Robert D. Bone and Magic Stable, LLC's I Can Run captured her first stakes win in the $100,000 Eleven North Handicap at Monmouth Park on New Jersey Thoroughbred Festival Day.

With jockey Carlos Rojas in the irons, I Can Run broke well from post position seven of eight in the 6-furlong dirt contest. The Tourist filly out of Hana J, by Peaks and Valleys, raced three wide off the pace, 1½ lengths off of frontrunning Roselba, who zipped through the opening quarter in :22.30.

I Can Run, who was coming off four consecutive two-turn races, began to close ground in the stretch and won going away away by 1¾ lengths. The final time was 1:10.38.

Favorite Alta Velocita finished second and the early pace setter Roselba held on for show.

"I have been telling the owners [Robert Bone and Magic Stables] that she has shown talent in the mornings," said winning trainer Claudio Gonzalez. "The only thing is she has to be a little more mature. But I have always liked this filly. The only thing I was worried about today was the [shorter 6-furlong] distance. She broke well and was able to get position and they were going pretty fast, which was good for us since she likes to come from behind. She has been good this year and finally seems to be maturing. She is getting better and better every race."

"Claudio told me to get her in a good position early and by the three-eighths just let her run," said winning jockey Carlos Rojas. "She prefers longer but I knew if they would go quick early she would come running late. That's what happened. They went fast, I sat a great trip and she came running late. I'm very happy with her. This is my first stakes win. It's an amazing feeling."

Bred in New Jersey by Bright View Farm, I Can Run has total earnings of $187,320 in a dozen starts.

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The nominating committee of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey invites members of the Association to submit nominations for consideration in developing its slate of nominees for the 2023 Board of Trustees. The committee is accepting candidates for President and six members to serve on the Board of Trustees. Please read section 4.2 of the TBANJ bylaws below to determine if you are eligible to serve on the Board.

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President's message

Oh, it's so good to have my computer back up and running. Sorry about last month's missing newsletter. All the information I needed was held captive on this device which was a hostage in the repair shop. This month, I've combined the last and this month's data.

A big congratulations to Bill Thompson Jr. for the win by his 2-year-old filly Cairo Consort in the $125,000 Catch A Glimpse stakes at Woodbine. Just breaking her maiden in her previous race, these back-to-back victories leave her with a record of 2-0-1 in four starts. Her next start was scheduled in the Grade 1 Natalma Stakes in September, a Breeders' Cup Challenge event for the Breeder Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1T).

Accordingly, more congratulations for members Nancy Shuford, Dr. and Mrs. Clinton Lowry, Bill and Carrington Price, Frank Batten, Jim Chandley, and Beth Muirhead for their wins. Kudos to all other members whose horses showed up on racing day.

/Rebecca

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Racing Review

Rockin Anna Rollin (Fast Anna out of Rockhouse, by Chelsey Cat) won at Charles Town July 1 for breeder Nancy Shuford. The 5-year-old bay mare had the lead from gate to wire. She ran 4½ furlongs in :53.42 to win by a length.

Miss Grandstander (Fiber Sonde out of Athena Grand, by Civilisation) won at Charles Town July 1 for breeders Dr. and Mrs. Clinton E. Lowry. The 5-year-old dark bay or brown mare broke through the gate before the start but still managed to win the 4½-furlong race on a good track in :53.84 to win by a length.

My Dixie Lass (Blofeld out of Missdixieactivist, by Activist) won at Parx Racing July 9 for breeder and owner James Chandley. The 3-year-old bay filly pressed the pace on the outside, took the lead at the quarter pole, then went away down the stretch to run 1 1/16 miles in 1:45.21 and win by 2 lengths.

Ancient Times (Carpe Diem out of Courtly Choice, by Doneraile Court) won at Colonial Downs July 11 for owners Bill and Carrington Price – Carrington Holdings LLC. The 5-year-old bay gelding ran 2 miles over hurdles on a firm course in 3:35.27, leading the race the whole way to win by 2¾ lengths.

Flat Out Flying (Flat Out out of She'sa Tough Tiger, by Tiger Ridge) won his second race in a row at Delaware Park July 14 for breeders Beth Muirhead and Frank Coniglio. The 5-year-old chestnut gelding stalked the pace in the early going, took the lead at the quarter pole and pulled away from his rivals to win by 6 lengths. He ran 1 1/16 miles in 1:44.85.

Ima Daredevil (North Carolina-bred, by Daredevil out of Prom Dress, by Stephen Got Even) won at Woodbine July 14 for breeder Frank Batten. The 5-year-old chestnut mare ran 6½ furlongs on an all-

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Bill Tompson Jr.'s Cairo Consort won the $125,000 Catch A Glimpse Stakes at Woodbine.

weather track in 1:15.53, winning by running behind the front runners, gaining position on the turn, taking the lead past the eighth pole, crossing the wire 2½ lengths in front.

Hurtgen Forest (Americain out of Bourbon Twist, by Langfuhr) won July 18 at Colonial Downs for breeders and owners Bill and Carrington Price – Carrington Holdings LLC. The 4-year-old chestnut gelding ran 2 miles over hurdles, leading from start to finish and winning by a commanding 3¾ lengths.

Dialed a Dame (Dialed In out of Classydame, by Blame) won at Belterra Park July 20 for breeder Nancy Shuford. The 3-year-old bay colt broke late, unrushed, ran near the rail where he got through and pulled away down the stretch to win by 3½ lengths after going 6 furlongs in 1:12.33.

Cairo Consort (Cairo Prince out of Absolutely Awesome, by Street Cry-Ire) broke her maiden at Woodbine July 23 for owner William B. Thompson Jr. – Maple Lane Farm. The 2-year-old gray or roan filly ran 6½ furlongs in 1:15.86 on an all-weather track. The filly broke from post position one, moved to the inside, grabbed the lead and held it to finish 1½ lengths in front.

Danz a Rebel (Revolutionary out of Sister Chelsey, by Chelsey Cat) won July 25 at Assiniboia Downs for breeder Nancy Shuford. The 6-year-old dark bay gelding ran wide while stalking the pace, made a move around the turn, dueled and drew clear past the sixteenth-pole to win by 2¼ lengths.

El Guapo (Speightster out of Rockhouse, by Chelsey Cat) won at Colonial Downs Aug. 9 for breeder Nancy Shuford. The 4-year-old bay gelding stalked the pace wide, made a move while running three-wide turning for home and drew clear to win by 2½ lengths after going 6 furlongs in 1:10.80.

Cairo Consort (Cairo Prince out of Absolutely Awesome, by Street Cry-Ire) won the $125,000 Catch A Glimpse at Woodbine Aug. 20 for owner William B. Thompson Jr. – Maple Lane Farm. The 2-year-old gray or roan filly won her second race in a row, this at 6 furlongs on the turf in 1:16.00. She settled in the middle of the pack, moved inside to pass a rival at the three-sixteenths-pole, challenged at the furlong maker and drew clear to win by 2½ lengths.

Danz a Rebel (Revolutionary out of Sister Chelsey, by Chelsey Cat) won again at Assiniboia Downs Aug. 22 for breeder Nancy Shuford. The 6-year-old dark bay gelding ran 5½ furlongs in 1:07.20 by dueling mid-stretch with rivals eventually pulling away to win by a half length.

Hitting the Board

June 25 – August 24, 2022

Date	Horse	Track	NCTA Connection	RESULTS
1-Jul	Rockin Anna Rollin	Charles Town	Bred by Nancy Shuford	WINNER!
1-Jul	Miss Grandstander	Charles Town	Bred by Clint Lowry	WINNER!
3-Jul	Guileful	Woodbine	Bred & owned by William Thompson	2nd
3-Jul	Double Tough Tiger	Gulfstream Park	Bred by Beth Muirhead	3rd
9-Jul	My Dixie Lass	Parx Racing Track	Bred & owned by Jim Chandley	WINNER!
10-Jul	Gulfstream Way	Ellis Park	Bred by Denise Walsh	2
11-Jul	Ancient Times	Colonial Downs	Owned by Bill & Carrington Price	WINNER!
14-Jul	Condemnation	Belterra Park	Owned by Caroline Cooper	2
14-Jul	Flat Out Flying	Delaware Park	Bred by Beth Muirhead & Frank Coniglio	WINNER!
14-Jul	Ima Daredevil	Woodbine	Bred by Frank Batten	WINNER!
15-Jul	Admonish	Woodbine	Bred & owned by Bill Thompson	3rd
18-Jul	Hurtgen Forest	Colonial Downs	Bred & owned by Bill & Carrington Price	WINNER!
20-Jul	Dialed a Dame	Belterra Park	Bred by Nancy Shuford	WINNER
21-Jul	Duke of Cork	Charles Town	Bred & owned by Clint Lowry	3rd
23-Jul	Cairo Consort	Woodbine	Owned by Bill Thompson - Maple Lane Farm	WINNER!
23-Jul	Double Tough Tiger	Gulfstream Park	Bred by Beth Muirhead	3rd
25-Jul	Danz a Rebel	Assiniboia Downs	Bred by Nancy Shuford	WINNER!
3-Aug	My Dixie Lass	Penn National	Bred & owned by Jim Chandley	2nd
8-Aug	Cayenne Creek	Charles Town	Bred by Clint Lowry	3rd
9-Aug	El Guapo	Colonial Downs	Bred by Nancy Shuford	WINNER!
11-Aug	Duke of Cork	Charles Town	Bred Clint Lowry	2nd
12-Aug	Jersey Perfection	Monmouth Park	Owned by Ken Orchard-Jet M Stables	3rd
13-Aug	Gulfstream Way	Churchill Downs	Bred by Denise Walsh	3rd
14-Aug	Double Tough Tiger	Gulfstream Park	Bred by Beth Muirhead	3rd
18-Aug	Admonish	Woodbine	Bred & owned by Bill Thompson -Maple Lane Farm	3rd
20-Aug	Cayenne Creek	Charles Town	Bred by Clint Lowry	2nd
20-Aug	Cairo Consort	Woodbine-$125K Catch A Glimpse S.	Owned by Bill Thompson - Maple Lane Farm	WINNER!
21-Aug	Firing Carol	Saratoga	Bred by Nancy Shuford	3rd
22-Aug	Deceitful	Presque Isle Down	Owned by Caroline Cooper & Rebecca Montaldo	3rd
22-Aug	Cainudothetwist	Colonial Downs - $100K Rudolph D Rouse S	Bred & owned by Bill & Carrington Price	2nd
22-Aug	Danz a Rebel	Assiniboia Downs	Bred by Nancy Shuford	WINNER!

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PA Day at the Races

by Averie Levanti

With 142 entries, 13 races, and over $1 million in purses, the 21st annual Pennsylvania's Day at the Races was a resounding success. While races came off the turf following overnight rain and light showers fell during the early part of the card, the sun eventually came out and made for a beautiful rest of the day that saw over 400 Pennsylvania breeders and guests in attendance.

A quartet of $60,000 maiden special weight events and a $70,000 allowance race kicked off the early portion of the card, with the Westerly Farm bred Stevie T prevailing in the lid lifter. A potential star was born in the second race, the first juvenile race of the day, when first-time starter Gordian Kno soared to a 7-length victory despite 11-1 odds for breeder/owner Joe Imbesi.

Stakes winner Twisted Ride went wire-to-wire in the first of the day's two allowance races for breeder/owner Kasey K Racing Stable prior to Good Source, bred by Heart Hill Farms LLC, taking the maiden event for 2-year-old fillies and Game Seven, bred by Best A Luck Farm LLC, scoring by 5 lengths to become the first winner for his sire Hoppertunity.

Stakes action kicked off in the sixth race with the Mrs. Penny Stakes. Despite campaigning exclusively on turf up until that point in her career, the Blackstone Farm bred Love in the Air went off a heavy 1-2 favorite in the off-the-turf event. The daughter of Constitution took them gate-to-wire before galloping in an effortless 6-length winner. Already Grade 3-placed on the grass, competing over both surfaces certainly opens many doors for the John Servis trainee.

Defending Pennsylvania-bred Horse of the Year Chub Wagon was an understandably heavy favorite when attempting to avenge her only career loss in the Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial Stakes.

Another upsetter in the form of recent claimer Remain Anonymous was waiting in the wings. Claimed for $40,000 at Churchill Downs in June, Remain Anonymous was brought up to Saratoga and dropped down to the $32,000 level for opening weekend. Running away to a 6½-length, odds-on romp, and proving understandably popular, 22 claims were put in, with the lucky winners being trainer Robert Falcone Jr. and owner Sanford Goldfarb.

Bred by Dr. Renee Nodine's Horseshoe Valley Equine Center, Remain Anonymous shipped down from Saratoga to make her stakes debut and first start for Falcone a winning one. Taking advantage of a hot pace and catapulting past the field, she defeated Chub Wagon and the rest by 5¾ lengths.

The off-the-turf Marshall Jenney Handicap offered a matchup of veterans Admiral Abe and Smooth B. Admiral Abe was the defending champion, while Smooth B had placed in the past three runnings of the contest. Fourth time was the charm for Smooth B, pulling away late to post a 3¼-length victory over his rival. Bred by St. Omer's Farm and WynOaks Farm LLC, Smooth B is one of five black-type performers from the incredible broodmare Katarica Disco.

Race 9 kicked off the first race of the new 2yo PA-Sired PA-Bred Stallion Series with fillies going 5½ furlongs in the Miss Blue Tye Dye Stakes. Flor de Sombra was bet down to the 1-5 favorite off of her 7¾-length rout when the only filly in the field on debut.

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It was much of the same in the Miss Blue Tye Dye, with Flor de Sombra opening up as many as 7 lengths on the field before being geared down through the final sixteenth and still finishing 2 lengths ahead of first-time starter Marion Grace at the wire. The sky looks to be the limit for this filly who was the second winner on the day for breeder/owner Joe Imbesi.

The colts and geldings took the stage in the second of the day's stallion series races, the Whistle Pig. LC Racing bred and owned Ninetyprcentmaddie was favored in the field of 10 off of his hard-fought victory facing open company first time out. The son of Weigelia went to the front and didn't look back.

Despite a scare from 57-1 maiden Keithsendshelloooo at the top of the stretch, Ninetyprcentmaddie shook clear from his rival for a 3½-length score. A full brother to Ninetypercentbrynn, third in the Mrs. Penny Stakes earlier on the card, the colt was the third winner on the day for trainer Butch Reid.

The final two races of this year's 2yo PA-Sired PA-Bred Stallion Series were carded on Pennsylvania Derby Day in September at Parx Racing, both offering $200,000 purses.

The Banjo Picker Sprint provided another exciting matchup between defending champ Fortheluvofbourbon and 2021 PA-Bred Champion Sprinter Beren. The pair had already finished a neck apart in Page McKenney Handicap earlier this year, with Fortheluvofbourbon getting the better of the returning Beren. Since their initial meeting, Fortheluvofbourbon had picked up two open allowance victories while Beren was runner up in the Chocolate Town Stakes at Penn National prior to defeating graded stakes horses in the Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash at Laurel Park.

Beren wound up slightly favored of the pair, but his older rival would prevail again. Fortheluvofbourbon took control turning for home and blasted away to a 4-length victory over Beren. It was the fourth consecutive and fifth overall victory this year for the gelding, who pushed his 2022 bankroll past a quarter-million dollars. The leading PA-bred earner in 2022, Fortheluvofbourbon has racked up nearly $50,000 in breeder awards so far this year for breeders Hidden Acres 4-D Farm.

The final stakes contest of the day was the Storm Cat, and Todd Pletcher-trained Too Boss was made the 6-5 favorite off an impressive allowance romp last out. The gray son of El Padrino rewarded his backers when pulling clear by 1¾ lengths over a rallying Far Mo Power. Previously Grade 3-placed, it was the first stakes victory for Too Boss, who was bred and owned by Michael Joseph Cascio.

In a fitting end to the day, Kate Demasi trainee Golden Tabby won the final race on the card, a $70,000 allowance event for fillies and mares, for breeder/owner Michael Anspach's Shooting Star Stable. The race was named after Merry Princess, a multiple stakes-winning mare trained and owned by Kate Demasi 20 years ago.

A few words from the Executive Secretary

I'd like to thank the Board members, stallion principals, owners and trainers, along with all who were involved in making the inaugural running of the Stallion Series a huge success. The excitement is already building for next year as the series expands! The names of winning horses and trainers will be listed in our next issue. Remember that the 2023 Series will be run in three legs, SIX STAKES, at 5½ furlongs for $100,000, 6½ furlongs for $150,000, and a flat mile for $200,000. Each leg will consist of a 2yo race and a 2yo filly race. Don't forget about the $50,000 trainer bonus for the top three point earning horses.

Nomination forms for the 2023 PA-Sired PA-Bred 2yo Stallion Series were recently mailed to all registered PA-Breds sired by a registered PA Stallion. The nomination fee for the series is only $200 if paid by December 31 of this year. If your horse was just recently registered and you didn't receive a form, you can go to pabred.com under featured and print the nomination form.

As a reminder, the annual Stallion and Breeding Farm Directory will be published in December. Forms will be mailed and emailed to our stallion owners and domicile farms in September to have your information listed in the directory. Don't miss out on this free service!

Please remember, for the foal crop of 2023, broodmares must be in the state by Dec. 1, 2022, or within 14 days of a public sale (within 60 days of a sale outside the U.S.) or bred back to a PA-Sire. We ask that you submit all broodmare domicile forms online. We will let everyone know when the new form is available.

As usual, please contact our office with any questions you may have. As you probably already know, Brody's Cause, a Grade 1 winner at 2 and 3 sired by Giant's Causeway, will be standing in Pennsylvania in 2023 at Equistar Farm. For more information contact Rodney and Sharon Eckenrode. Pennsylvania is the only place to Breed & Race and remember, you ain't seen nothing yet! Go Pa!!

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PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

January 1 through July 31, 2022

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	290,051	290,051	Pewter Stable	67,506	11,294	78,800
Glenn E. Brok LLC	194,995	64,234	259,228	Peter Giangiulio	72,820	3,427	76,247
William J. Solomon VMD	168,218	68,138	236,355	Warriors Reward	67,735	1,920	69,655
Blackstone Farm LLC	231,528	0	231,528	Michael Raymond Anspach	66,945	0	66,945
Richard N. Miller	139,707	27,718	167,426	Vicky Schowe	61,980	0	61,980
Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	114,346	49,817	164,163	Thomas G. McClay	61,816	0	61,816
Arrowwood Farm Inc.	160,714	0	160,714	W M T Stables Inc.	60,858	0	60,858
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	65,774	93,665	159,439	Luana J. Johnson	51,007	7,842	58,849
A1A Racing	88,722	41,446	130,168	Fox Tale	49,091	3,859	52,951
Donald L. Brown Jr.	82,005	12,785	94,789	Joe-Dan Farm Inc.	52,415	0	52,415
Maria M. Haire	77,222	8,330	85,551	Patricia L. Chapman	43,042	5,728	48,770
Sylmar Farm Inc.	82,274	0	82,274	Joseph T. Capriglione	46,692	0	46,692

LEADING STALLIONS

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total	Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total
Jump Start	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	265	116,487	Lord Shanakill	William J. Solomon VMD	51	13,207
Uncle Lino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	149	101,009	Messner	Donald L. Brown Jr.	13	12,785
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	189	93,665	Bullsbay	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	45	12,559
Uptowncharlybrown	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	185	53,827	Well Spelled	Godstone Farm LP	40	12,047
Talent Search	Glenn E. Brok LLC	82	43,809	Silver Train	Henry R. Nothhaft	39	11,788
El Padrino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	115	43,059	Winchill	Pewter Stable	15	11,294
Peace and Justice	A1A Racing	108	41,446	Albert The Great	William J. Solomon VMD	47	10,740
Last Gunfighter	William J. Solomon VMD	86	30,767	Eclipticalspraline	Maria M. Haire	30	8,330
Emperor Tiberius	Richard N. Miller	58	24,957	Fairbanks	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	19	8,007
Red Vine	DB Dojo LLC	34	22,108	Golddigger's Boy	Luana J. Johnson	46	7,842
Mad Flatter	Glenn E. Brok LLC	42	17,953	Medallist	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	36	7,754
Il Villano	Chuck Russo	35	13,956	Social Inclusion	Social Inclusion Partners LLC	10	6,148

LEADING HORSES

Fund Money includes: PA-Bred Races, Breeder and Stallion Awards and PA-Bred Owner-Bonus Payments

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	Stakes	Breeder Award	Stallion Award	Bonus	Total
Fortheluvofbourbon	Bourbon Courage - Nosubstituteforluv	Hidden Acres 4D Farm LLC	5	57,000	38,616	0	38,880	134,496
Tactical Pajamas *	Uncle Lino - Salishan	Vicky Schowe	4	59,400	44,676	11,169	8,640	123,885
Far Mo Power *	Uncle Lino - J. D. Safari	Peter Giangiulio	6	3,800	51,760	12,940	22,800	91,300
Nice Ace	Noble Mission - A Lady With an Ace	Blackstone Farm LLC	4	58,800	20,756	0	10,380	89,936
Nimitz Class	Munnings - Five Diamonds	Arrowwood Farm Inc.	5	57,000	24,102	0	6,612	87,714
Maldives Model	Petionville - Tahitian Pearl	Arrowwood Farm Inc.	3	69,090	15,205	0	1,156	85,451
Vine Jet *	Red Vine - Our Girl Friday	E Marie Morrison	5	3,920	42,864	10,716	25,200	82,700
Miss Dillingham *	Jump Start - Dillingham	Thomas G. McClay	6	0	47,816	11,954	22,440	82,210
Undercover Kitty	Kitten's Joy - Judy In Disguise (GB)	Caroline Bentley	4	58,800	19,212	0	3,360	81,372
Bazinga C	Exaggerator - Bazinga B	Joseph Besecker	2	60,000	16,032	0	3,360	79,392
Roses for Debra	Liam's Map - Essential Rose	Blackstone Farm LLC	3	58,200	18,040	0	0	76,240
Philadelphia Belle *	Jump Start - Cam's Cousin	Nick J. Polydoros	3	0	36,848	9,212	26,320	72,380
Chub Wagon	Hey Chub - Takin the Plunge	Joe-Dan Farm Inc.	1	60,000	12,000	0	0	72,000
Cinnabunny	Golden Lad - English Mum	Shooting Star Stable	3	56,400	15,280	0	0	71,680
Buy Land and See	Cairo Prince - Twiggles	Joseph Imbesi	1	58,200	11,640	0	0	69,840
My Train *	Silver Train - Echo Company	Robert G. Rutherford	10	0	34,563	8,641	24,688	67,892
You Must Chill *	Winchill - Only Me	Mark Brown Grier	5	10,670	33,079	8,270	14,400	66,419
Sour Mash *	Talent Search - Dancing Sparks	Glenn E. Brok LLC	10	0	38,515	9,629	17,688	65,831
Ruby Bleu *	Messner - Ruby Soul	Donald L. Brown Jr.	5	0	32,099	8,025	22,928	63,052
Center Mid Maddie *	Uncle Lino - Wickedly Clever	Nicholas Fazzolari	4	10,450	26,964	6,741	15,528	59,683
Hey Mamaluke *	Jump Start - Pu Dew	Joseph T. Capriglione	4	20,000	31,684	7,921	$-	59,605
Talented Man *	Talent Search - Musket Mary	Michael M. Moore	4	0	33,048	7,752	16,320	57,120
Divine Miracle	Distorted Humor - La Boheme	Blackstone Farm LLC	7	0	29,825	0	25,464	55,289
Golden Tabby	Golden Lad - Macroeconomics	Michael Raymond Anspach	4	20,000	16,852	0	18,360	55,212

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Racing Across the Nation

From July 25 through Aug. 19, eight graduates of South Carolina training centers found their way to the winner's circle at the completion of stakes races.

On July 25, Tactical Pajamas quickly went to the front in the Princess of Sylmar Stakes at Presque Isle Downs and never looked back. Racing comfortably in front, she was never really challenged to win by 1¾ lengths. Tactical Advantage was developed by Randy and Kala Rentz at their training center in Erhardt.

Conagher, who learned his early lessons at the McCutchen Training Center, broke on top and held the lead throughout the running of the Housebuster Overnight Handicap at Colonial Downs Aug. 1. Conagher recorded his first stakes victory and fourth career win. He has finished worse than third only once in nine lifetime starts.

Art Collector won the Alydar Stakes at Saratoga last year and again this year on Aug. 4. A graduate of the Durr Training Center, Art Collector took the lead early and proved much the best, winning in a hand-ride by 2 lengths. He has six stakes victories among his nine lifetime wins, with career earnings of $1,729,555.

In his first graded stakes appearance, Ready to Purrform won the National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame Stakes-G2 at Saratoga Aug. 5. After being bumped at the start, Ready to Purrform took control of the race and led the field around the turf course, crossing the finish line 1¼ lengths in front. This colt came up through Franklin "Goree" Smith's program at the Elloree Training Center.

Hollis proved best in the West Virginia Legislature Chairman's Cup Stakes at Mountaineer Aug. 6. Another graduate of the McCutchen Training Center, Hollis, third in the turn, rallied in upper stretch, taking the lead inside the eighth pole crossing the finish line 2½ lengths in front in this 4½-furlong dash. He has 12 wins in 28 lifetime starts.

At Colonial Downs Aug. 9, Simply Super stalked the leaders early on. At the three-eighth pole, he launched his bid and, in a stretch long duel, showed his determination to reach the wire first by a half-length. This 2-year-old gained his second win in four lifetime starts. Travis Durr prepared this colt for his racing career.

While Wudda U Think Now finished unplaced in the John Morrissey Handicap in 2021, he gained his revenge this year when winning it at Saratoga Aug. 12. Campaigned by the Camden Training Center owner, Stuart Grant, and prepared there by Donna Freyer, Wudda U Think Now raced in the second position from the start to the final furlong before edging clear and pulling away to a 1½-length victory. He has seven wins in 16 starts.

Leader of the Band recorded her third career stakes victory in the Summer Colony Stakes at Saratoga Aug. 19. A product of the Rentz Farm Training Center, Leader of the Band showed her desire to win by coming five-wide into the stretch and crossing the finish line three-quarters of a length in front.

Two-year-olds winning debuts

An exciting event during the summer months is when many 2-year-olds make their racing debuts. What adds to the excitement is when he or she wins their debut.

Travis Durr saw two of his former students get their picture taken first-time out. Smoke Lightening was a winner at Presque Isle Downs Aug. 2 and Proud Mule found the winner's circle at Monmouth Park Aug. 12.

"Goree" Smith's Elloree Training Center had two graduates win their debuts. Donegal Surges was a winner at Saratoga Aug. 11, and Dolinski got the job done at Horseshoe Indianapolis Aug. 17.

Kip Elser's Kirkwood Stables was represented by Freedom Road at Monmouth Park July 23 and Marcus and Crystal Ryan saw their former student Private Creed win at Ellis Park July 30.

Brad Stauffer and Ron Stevens sent Minister of Magic out of Aiken and saw him break his maiden at Delaware Park Aug. 3. James Layden was busy cheering for his former student I'm Very Busy to get to the finish line first at Saratoga Aug. 13. The former Shuler Stables student, Xcellent Start, did have an excellent start to his racing career, winning his debut at Charles Town also on Aug. 13.

From the Desk of....

--- Congratulations to SCTOBA members Suzy Haslup and Barry Bornstein, who had their pictures taken in the winner's circle at Saratoga with horses owned by partnerships of which they are members. Suzy is a member of the group that owns Lady Jasmine, a 2-year-old who won her debut Aug. 3. Barry Bornstein watched Vallelujah train in Aiken during the winter and followed her to Saratoga where she won Aug. 13.

--- Three horses bred by "Goree" Smith in South Carolina were recent winners. Swayin to and Fro won for the fifth time in six 2022 starts Aug. 6. Alas and Alack broke her maiden Aug. 12, and Drive by Layover notched her third victory this year Aug. 13. All the wins were recorded at Laurel Park.

Grade 1 Nest's SC connections

Nest, a 3-year-old filly by Curlin out of Marion Ravenwood, has not trained in South Carolina but Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, a member of the ownership group, maintains an office in Aiken. In July 2013, Cot Campbell's Dogwood Stable formed a merger with Aron Wellman and Brian Spearman's Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners. Jack Sadler, vice president of operations, and Bill Victor, the company's treasurer, work out of the Eclipse office. They previously held those positions in the Dogwood organization.

Nest has won three Grade 1 stakes this year—the Ashland at Keeneland and the Coaching Club American Oaks and Alabama at Saratoga. She also finished second in the Kentucky Oaks-G1 and Belmont Stakes-G1.

SOUTH CAROLINA-TRAINED WINNERS

Horse, Training Center, Date, Track, Type of Race

Johnny Sack, Durr Tng Ctr, 7/20, Parx Racing, Allowance
V. I. P. Code, Elloree Tng Ctr, 7/20, Delaware Park, Allowance
Dialed a Dame, Elloree Tng Ctr, 7/20, Belterra Park, Maiden Special Weight
Silent Malice, Durr Tng Ctr, 7/21, Delaware Park, Allowance
Luna Fortis, Aiken - Legacy Stable, 7/21, Camarero Race Track, Allowance
Freedom Road, Kirkwood Stables, 7/23, Monmouth Park, Maiden Special Weight
Tiz the Reason, Shuler Stables, 7/23, Charles Town, Allowance
Nantucket Red, Elloree Tng Ctr, 7/23, Woodbine, Allowance
Penguin Power, Shuler Stables, 7/23, Charles Town, Allowance
A Bit Bad N Boujee, Durr Trn Ctr, 7/25, Parx Racing, Allowance
Irish Unity, Durr Tng Ctr, 7/25, Thistledown, Allowance
The Poser, Elloree Tng Ctr, 7/25, Colonial Downs, Allowance
Bossman Jones, Rentz Farm Tng Ctr, 7/25, Parx Racing, Allowance
Missing Fortune, Rentz Farm Tng Ctr, 7/25, Finger Lakes, Allowance
TACTICAL PAJAMAS, Rentz Farm Tng Ctr, 7/25, Presque Isle Downs, Princess of Sylmar S
Condescending, Rentz Farm Tng Ctr, 7/27, Parx Racing, Allowance
Sue Ellen Mishkin, Durr Tng Ctr, 7/27, Finger Lakes, Allowance
Paper Mansion, Durr Tng Ctr, 7/30, Delaware Park, Allowance
Private Creed, Mason Springs, 7/30, Ellis Park, Maiden Special Weight
Juror Number FC, Aiken-Cary Frommer, 7/30, Delaware Park, Allowance
Spencerian, Elloree Tng Ctr, 7/30, Laurel Park, Maiden Special Weight
CONAGHER, McCutchen Tng Ctr, 8/1, Colonial Downs, Housebuster H
Lindalovesgold, Rentz Farm Tng Ctr, 8/1, Parx Racing, Maiden Special Weight
Why Not Babe, Rentz Farm Tng Ctr, 8/1, Parx Racing, Maiden Special Weight
Smoke Lightening, Custom Care - Donna Freyer, 8/2, Presque Isle Downs, Maiden Special Weight
Litterbox, Durr Tng Ctr, 8/2, Finger Lakes, Allowance
Thegoddessofsnakes, Durr Tng Ctr, 8/3, Parx Racing, Allowance
House Limit, Durr Tng Ctr, 8/3, Assiniboia, Allowance
Divine Miracle, Durr Tng Ctr, 8/3, Parx Racing, Allowance
Minister for Magic, Aiken - Legacy Stable, 8/3, Delaware Park, Maiden Special Weight
Tiergan, Elloree Tng Ctr, 8/3, Saratoga, Allowance
Onerollofthedice, Custom Care - Donna Fryer, 8/4, Evangeline Downs, Allowance
Sunshine Max, Rentz Farm Tng Ctr, 8/4, Penn National, Allowance
ART COLLECTOR, Durr Tng Ctr, 8/4, Saratoga, Alydar S
Good Measure, Aiken - Cary Frommer, 8/5, Saratoga, Allowance
Cobble Road, Rentz Farm Tng Ctr, 8/5, Laurel Park, Allowance
READY TO PURRFORM, Elloree Tng Ctr, 8/5, Saratoga, National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame S-G2
Get Groovy, Durr Tng Ctr, 8/6, Monmouth Park, Allowance
Swayin to and Fro, Elloree Tng Ctr, 8/6, Laurel Park, Allowance
HOLLIS, McCutchen Tng Ctr, 8/6, Mountaineer, West Virginia Legislature Chairman's Cup S
Somebody's Problem, Durr Tng Ctr, 8/7, Ellis Park, Maiden Special Weight
Double Crown, Aiken - Cary Frommer, 8/8, Colonial Downs, Allowance
Allen's Rocket, Aiken - Cary Frommer, 8/8, Prairie Meadows, Allowance
In to the Night, Shuler Stables, 8/8, Mountaineer, Allowance
Catholic Guilt, Elloree Tng Ctr, 8/8, Louisiana Downs, Allowance
Tolaga Bay, Arch Kingsley, 8/8, Colonial Downs, Starter/Allowance
Bench Walk, Custom Care - Donna Freyer, 8/9, Finger Lakes, Maiden Special Weight
SIMPLY SUPER, Durr Tng Ctr, 8/9, Colonial Downs, Hickory Tree S
Fearnought, Shuler Stables, 8/9, Mountaineer, Allowance
Istria, Durr Tng Ctr, 8/10, Delaware Park, Maiden Special Weight
Serifos, Durr Tng Ctr, 8/11, Delaware Park, Allowance
Len Lo Lady, Elloree Tng Ctr, 8/11, Saratoga, Starter/Allowance
Ryan's Sword, Shuler Stables, 8/11, Charles Town, Allowance
Live Fire, Rentz Farm Tng Ctr, 8/11, Penn National, Starter Allowance
Donegal Surges, Elloree Tng Ctr, 8/11, Saratoga, Maiden Special Weight
WUDDA U THINK NOW, Custom Care - Donna Freyer, 8/12, Saratoga, John Morrissey H
Toller, Durr Tng Ctr, 8/12, Charles Town, Maiden Special Weight
Proud Mule, Durr Tng Ctr, 8/12, Monmouth Park, Maiden Special Weight
Kentucky Mist, Durr Tng Ctr, 8/12, Belterra Park, Maiden Special Weight
Irish Boolum, Durr Tng Ctr, 8/12, Monmouth Park, Maiden Special Weight
Theodora Grace, Rentz Farm Tng Ctr, 8/12, Saratoga, Allowance
Deer District, Elloree Tng Ctr, 8/12, Ellis Park, Maiden Special Weight
Goddard, Kirkwood Stables, 8/13, Albuquerque, Allowance
Xcellent Start, Shuler Stables, 8/13, Charles Town, Maiden Special Weight
Vallelujah, Aiken-Legacy Stable, 8/13, Saratoga, Allowance
I'm Very Busy, James Layden, 8/13, Saratoga, Maiden Special Weight
Mike J, Durr Tng Ctr, 8/14, Louisiana Downs, Allowance
Russian Influence, Custom Care - Donna Freyer, 8/16, Horseshoe Indianapolis, Allowance
Chakra, Durr Tng Ctr, 8/16, Colonial Downs, Allowance
Dolinski, Elloree Tng Ctr, 8/17, Horseshoe Indianapolis, Maiden Special Weight
New Hire, Rentz Farm Tng Ctr, 8/17, Penn National, Allowance
Maestria, Durr Tng Ctr, 8/18, Delaware Park, Allowance
Nice Weather, Rentz Farm Tng Ctr, 8/18, Penn National, Allowance
LEADER OF THE BAND, Rentz Farm Tng Ctr, 8/19, Saratoga, Summer Colony S
Call Me Plucky, Aiken - Cary Frommer, 8/20, Laurel Park, Allowance
Theregoesjojo, Durr Tng Ctr, 8/21, Woodbine, Allowance
British Artillery, Durr Tng Ctr, 8/21, Woodbine, Maiden Special Weight

VIRGINIA

COLONIAL DOWNS COMPLETES RECORD BREAKING SUMMER RACING SEASON

Jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. after winning his fourth consecutive stakes race at Colonial Downs (VEA photo).

Buoyed by a record-breaking handle of more than $6.5 million on New Kent County Virginia Derby Day, Colonial Downs shattered all wagering marks this racing season, the fourth under the management of Colonial Downs Group (CDG) and ownership of Peninsula Pacific Entertainment.

Total handle for the 26-day live racing meet was $74,940,840 for a daily average of $2,882,340, up more than 29% from the 2021 average daily handle mark of $2,231,765. This race meet marked an all-time wagering high in the history of Colonial Downs.

"The revival of Virginia racing continues to grow as we once again set new all-time handle marks," said John Marshall, CDG Executive VP, Operations. "It is gratifying to see Colonial Downs evolve into one of the nation's elite meets which is what our team set out to accomplish just four years ago."

Purses for the season averaged a Virginia record of $612,000 up from 2021's $521,000 per day in purse distribution.

A total of 1382 individual horses representing 321 trainers made a combined 2,179 starts for the season. Field size averaged 8.35 runners per race compared to the 7.17 national per race average.

Mike Stidham took home leading trainer honors with 13 victories, two better than Mike Trombetta. The owners' race ended in a dead-heat between two Virginians – David Ross's DARRS, Inc., and Larry Johnson – each of whom visited the winner's circle on six occasions.

Jevian Toledo won his first Colonial riding crown with 25 victories. Leonel Reyes and Horacio Karamanos tied for second with 18 wins apiece.

Capensis, Jockey Irad Ortiz Jr., Prevail in New Kent County Virginia Derby

With a powerful surge inside the final furlong, 3-2 favored Capensis passed California Frolic and Limited Liability to score a two-length victory under jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr. in the Grade 3 $300,000 New Kent County Virginia Derby for 3-year-olds, the highpoint of a record-breaking day of more than $6.5 million wagered on the September 6 card at Colonial Downs.

The gray son of Tapit, trained by Todd Pletcher, gave Ortiz, a three-time Eclipse Award-winning jockey a sweep of the Virginia Derby and the Woodford Reserve Virginia Oaks which he captured one race prior aboard Spirit and Glory. It was his fifth win of the day and his first in the Virginia Derby.

Breaking from post 10 in an 11-horse field, Capensis was prominent throughout, racing wide up the backstretch and sweeping off the far turn on the Secretariat Turf Course. He closed from fourth place around the far turn and swept toward the leaders in the center of the course in the stretch. Under mild urging from Ortiz, Capensis secured his second win in three starts, and his first graded-stakes score.

He completed the 1 1/8 miles in 1:48.15 over a firm course.

"I love the trip he got," said seven-time Eclipse Award winner Pletcher, who also saddled Red Giant to victory in the 2007 Virginia Derby. "You always want to save some ground if you can, and Irad did that and was traveling well and when Irad asked him he responded."

Derby Day's total handle of $6,512,667 surpassed the previous mark of $4,875,792 set last year.

Hot Jockey Ortiz Wins Three of Five Stakes on Virginia Restricted Showcase Card

Fresh off Virginia Derby and Virginia Oaks wins the day prior, jockey Irad Ortiz continued his torrid riding in New Kent by collecting wins in the first two stakes on closing day's Virginia-Restricted showcase day. A total of five turf stakes were contested.

Ortiz scored atop Woodslane Farm's Wolfie's Dynaghost in the Bert Allen Stakes and Harrell Ventures' Sendero in the Jamestown, a Virginia-Bred/Sired stakes for 2-year-olds.

The former, a 4-year-old Ghostzapper gelding bred in Kentucky by Woodslane and trained by Thomas Albertrani, went gate-to-wire in a field of six at 1 1/16th miles run in the memory of Speedy Smithwick. Todd Pletcher's Largent, bred by Lazy Lane Farms, was second and Madison Meyers' Kendama, owned and bred by Audley Farm Equine, took third.

Capensis and jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. capture the Sept. 6 Virginia Derby (Coady Photography)

Tass (inside) edges Unruly Julie (#10) in the Nellie Mae Cox Stakes (Coady Photography)

The latter, a Pletcher trainee by City of Light, won by 2/14 lengths after being sent off as the 1-5 favorite in the stakes. Sendero hit the starting gate in a troubled start while leaving it, and had to rebound. He gained the lead at the 3/8ths mark and never looked back in the 5½-furlong sprint run in the memory of Glenn Petty. The winner was bred by Knockgriffin Farm. Bee Mountain, bred by Audley Farm Equine was runner-up and Gettin'downonit, bred by Kingston Thoroughbreds, was third.

Matthew Schera's Tass and O'Sullivan Farms' Unruly Julie provided the best finish of the day, finishing a nose apart in the thrilling Nellie Mae Cox Stakes for fillies and mares at 1-1/16th miles. Tass, trained by Carlos Martin, was second until the top of the stretch when he took the lead from betting choice Mo Clare's then had to fend off trainer Karen Godsey's pesky runner-up. Woodslane Farm's Malibu Curl finished third.

Larry Johnson's Spun Glass, winner of a 2021 allowance over Colonial's turf, prevailed in the 5 1/2-furlong Camptown Stakes for fillies and mares by three-quarters of a length. Bred by Jonhson and trained by Michael Trombetta, the 5-year-old Hard Spun mare raced mid pack, launched her bid near the 1/8th pole and cleared past frontrunning Lambert late. The runner-up is owned by DARRS and trained by Micharl Stidham. Susan Cooney trainee Island Philo took third.

Ortiz closed out the stakes portion of the meet finale with another trip to the winners circle – this time aboard Ed and Susie Orr's 6-year-old Munnings gelding Boldor in the Meadow Stable Stakes. The winner was bred in Virginia by Carlos S.E. Moore and Jill Gordon-Moore and is trained by Steve Asmussen. Boldor, whose career bankroll rose to $551,846 with the win, last won a year ago in the Punch Line Stakes. Gordon Keys' Grateful Bred was second and Lothbach Stables' Elusive Mischief, bred by Jim Fitzgerald and Katie Fitzgerald, finished third.

Boldor, best in the Meadow Stable Stakes, pushed his career bankroll to $551,846 (Coady Photography)

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A Classic Night to Remember

By Jeff Gilleas

When the sun set and equine athletes departed the field of honor, there was something distinctively poignant about the competitions that occurred on Charles Town Classic night Aug. 26. As superlatives were exhausted by journalists, and discerning visitors communicated their opinions, one constant symbolized the contests history and principles – Equus caballus!

They are why I recount the performances observed, and attempt to humanize their brilliant accomplishments. After decades of coverage, agnostics in our industry still find me opinionated, however I'll shoulder this burden and embrace my unfaltering acquaintanceship with God's transcendent creature.

Only a few years ago, the Classic wasn't sure if it was going to be the hammer or the nail in a tumultuous political debate over financial support; but in 2019, Runnin'toluvya, a restricted West Virginia-bred runner, placed a moral lens on the judicial proceedings by winning the prestigious event. According to blue-blooded gatekeepers of the sport, his resume accessed the side door to the year's greatest equine extravaganza, however in triumph, he not only gave hope to a harassed industry, but earned congratulatory praises from the entire Mountain State. Analogous to the play *Brigadoon*, his success will be frozen in time, while providing a decisive milestone in the careers of owners Tim and Judy Grams and breeder Leslie Cromer.

This year, riches or an idealistic thought process, certified a local gene pool representative (Muad'dib) an attempt at the blue-ribbon club (Charles Town Classic), while others opted for the safety of hometown prelims. One notable defection on the stakes laden program (Sadie Hawkins) was two-time West Virginia-bred Horse of the Year Star of Night, who quietly slipped into retirement. The departing daughter of Creative Cause was a consistent racehorse who earned the highest local Thoroughbred accolades, while narrowing the gender gap.

THE CLASSIC

Muad'dib entered the $1 million Classic with a propensity for piling up wins, however the undefeated son of Fiber Sonde out of Holy Pow Wow was in an unfamiliar role of underdog.

The big horse, David M. Raim's Muad'dib.

Superbly managed by trainer Jeff Runco, the closest simulation of a Fortune 500 Company CEO, and owned by patriot of the sport David Raim, Muad'dib went nose-to-nose with the faces of opulence, narrowly missing turf immortality. Competing with structural symmetry and economy of locomotion over his course of registered perfection, Muad'dib charged from his outside post to immediately take-up residence at the flank of Art Collector.

Both runners rated kindly under snug holds as they loped through modest early fractions. Art Collector, world traveler and winner of last year's Charles Town Classic, versus the pride of barn 13, Muad'dib. Hall of Fame knockout artist, Bill Mott, against our grinder, Jeff Runco.

On the far turn, a quarter-of-a-mile from the honey hole, Art Collector (1-2) was let loose by Luis Saez and bid farewell to his bothersome adversary. In an instant, the suspenseful race between two titans produced a margin of daylight into their private duel. At the head of lane, the defending champion asserted his quality, as Muad'dib under encouragement by regular rider Arnaldo Bocachica, would not fade into memory.

The Sky Is Falling won the Sadie Hawkins.

The gray/roan gelding pinned his ears back, his substantial body glistening with sweat, and fought bravely for second place honors. It was a bold decision to test graded company, especially after being protected throughout his career like a piece of Tiffany china, but the emotional reception by fans as Muad'dib returned to the saddling enclosure made it all worthwhile.

Fist pumps, shouts of go West Virginia, some just standing at attention, others wildly clapping their approval for a valiant effort. It was reminiscent of watching a Little League World Series game, where Team USA faces a prohibitive assemblage of international talent, yet refuses to submit.

Muad'dib might have been a rags to riches story prior to the Classic, but in defeat the John McKee-bred proved his generosity of spirit and defined the charismatic force fundamentally inherent to his sire.

SADIE HAWKINS STAKES

In a business where relationships often fracture, Runco and Raim are a magnet for good horses and success. Thus it came as no surprise, when Huntertown Farm's Star of Night failed to answer the bell for her final round, the duo was waiting to quell the pandemonium of Classic night fever.

Inspired by Al Capp's satiric race, where eligible women chase down bachelors for the purpose of wedlock, the Sadie Hawkins prominently featured a lone 3-year-old in the group, **The Sky Is Falling**, as victorious heroine. The daughter of Cupid, mythical god of love and affection, out of Miss Henny Penny was scrutinized for class by her older rivals, and passed with flying colors.

The embodiment of grit and grace, The Sky Is Falling broke well and straightaway settled off a blistering pace, compliments of Moonlit Shadow and Yolo Charlotte. Once arranged for the long run down the back-stretch, there was no time for a breather, as jockey Bocachica peeled back the layers of our sophomore runner to reveal her avoidance to losing. As the crowd roared their approval, the juvenile champion split rivals at the top of the lane and prevailed through her sheer will to win.

The multiple stakes winner doesn't crush or dominate foes, but in victory exposes the quality one asks for in a racehorse. If her breeders, Catherine Jennings and Scott Mallory, had a coat of arms referencing The Sky Is Falling, it would simple state, `Iron Resolution'.

HONORABLE MENTION

The 13-race card didn't financially compare to the record-breaking handle of 2021, however I must further acknowledge the commendable efforts of **Goodness Gracious** and runner-up **Silky Serena** in the Shenandoah, **Hypothesis** in the Potomac, **Jungle Beast** (third) in the wide-open Robert Hilton Memorial and **Fancy Concho** (1st thru disqualification) in the Frank Gall Memorial.

Surrounded by fire-breathing jugglers, the pizzazz of distinguished dignitaries, the presence of first-class racehorses and a prodigious crowd, West Virginia horses and breeders verified their commitment to the industry, proving reality sometimes surpasses dreams.

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Far Hills celebrates 101 years

By Betsy Burke Parker

Normally quiet – almost sleepy, some would say, Far Hills, New Jersey may be just 40 miles west of New York City, but this little hamlet is one of a few townships in the state that have no legal sales of alcohol, it clings to the edge of the open, rolling, fertile farmland that gives Jersey its nickname – the Garden State.

Less than 1,000 people call this small town home.

But come Saturday, Far Hills will swell to 40 times normal size, from 857 to almost 40,000, abruptly, albeit briefly, giving it the largest population in Somerset County. Far Hills becomes a party town, and very much the place to be.

A committee member once quipped that "50 percent of the people come to see, 50 percent come to be seen."

It's the richest day of the year on the National Steeplechase Association circuit – $575,000 in purses for six races, including a new $100,000 flat stakes. Far Hills counts this as their third year for pari-mutuel wagering.

Far Hills' crowds are large and famously... celebratory.
Photo courtesy Far Hills Race Meeting

How it happened

Race Chair Guy Torsilieri first started going to the race meet while he was in grammar school. "I grew up in Far Hills," he once told This Is Horse Racing. "We used to play football, the kids who went to private school against the kids who went to the public school. I played for the public school team."

He graduated from Michigan State University, returning home to join the family business, Torsilieri Inc. landscape installation, and got involved with the races.

"Those were the days when it wasn't a professionally managed course or anything," he explained in a podcast with This Is Horse Racing's Joe Clancy. "We didn't own the land then – AT&T owned it, and it wasn't cared for like it is today. We'd mow it once a year, whether it needed it or not."

Then, NSA recommended Far Hills step it up a notch. "So I came up with a 10-year plan to improve the grass and footing. We cut it 28 times a year, and keep it just like your front lawn. It's irrigated, and we top-dress it with a golf course mixture to help with permeability, to help with drainage.

"It's a world-class racecourse."

But, Torsilieri adds, it didn't start that way – the races started as a "thank you" to Essex Hunt's landowners.

Hunt, hunt races history

The Far Hills Race Meeting traces its origins to the Essex Hunt, itself formed in 1870 in nearby Montclair.

In 1915, Essex hosted their first Farmer's Day races to thank farmers and landowners who allowed them to hunt across their properties. In 1916, the event moved to the Grant Schley estate — today known as Moorland Farms. Eventually becoming the Far Hills Race Meeting, the races have been continually run – with the exception hiatus during World War II – on the same site.

Today, the races are still known in the local vernacular as "The Hunt," harkening back to their hunt-related origin. The millennials and youth that swell the infield will have been talking about "going to The Hunt" all summer and fall.

The races regularly attract 30,000-40,000 spectators to Moorland. That number is the "sweet spot," Torsilieri says – enough to make it feel buzzy – the place to be, but not too many to clog the roads and the adjacent rail station, and not too many for easy movement around the 200-plus acre facility for patrons.

The races have for decades supported local charities: Far Hills' meet has raised close to $20 million for area health care organizations.

"Our community's health care organizations have been vital resources during the pandemic and need our support to provide crucial care for locals," Torsilieri says. This year's six beneficiaries are Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset, Crossroads4Hope, The Arc of Somerset County, Community in Crisis, LifeCamp and Bonnie Brae School.

"And this definitely isn't a one-man show," Torsilieri adds. "You need incredible team behind you and with you to pull it all off. I'm absolutely astonished at the level of commitment to the event from our volunteers. They keep showing up, year after year.

Guy Torsilieri in 2018 with the Grand National trophy. *©Tod Marks*

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"It's a real group effort, something that's brought us to 100 years.

"What an incredible honor."

A day to remember – You couldn't have scripted it better for a movie

Bred in France by Ric Ohrstrom, Quel Senor was group 3 placed at 2 and a group 3 winner at 3 on the turf in France, and won his hurdle debut at Newbury at 4 before imported to the U.S. at 5 in 2000.

Quel Senor was in Neil Drysdale's barn, placed at the allowance level at Churchill Downs that spring, but he fell to the "claimers" by late September.

Don't fret, he was safe at the $75,000 sellers' level at Belmont, but it took a career change to let the talented gelding show his real talent.

Quel Senor was moved to Tom Voss's barn in October for new owners, the Coppertree Farm syndicate of Guy Torsilieri, his father Carl and partner Orlando "Dee" DiRienzo, and he visited the winner's circle first out for the excited crew.

Voss said at the time Quel Senor was purchased with the express purpose to get Coppertree a runner – preferably a winner – at Far Hills. The Atlanta Hall team figured it might take a season or two to get there, but, as it turned out, it teed up the perfect execution of the perfect plan.

Quel Senor jumped up and won his first U.S. start, the NW2 at Charleston Nov. 1, 2000, coming back in May to win the NW3 at Iroquois and the Valentine at Fair Hill Memorial Day weekend. He was fourth at Colonial Downs in July, then lost rider Roger Horgan on the backside in the Smithwick at Saratoga in August.

His next race? The Oct. 20 Breeders' Cup steeplechase at Far Hills. It was a big step up, but Voss had him right.

"Oh, I remember that day," says Cyril Murphy, who at the time rode first-call for Voss, splitting riding duties with Horgan. "I remember everything about it.

"It was a proper grade 1 race, really loaded" with talent, Murphy recalls. He put confirmed front-runner Quel Senor upsides with Pinkie Swear along the back straight first time down as visiting rider Carl Llewellyn tried to make the lead.

"I remember we jumped one together, then I never saw another horse," Murphy says. "It was hands and heels to the line.

"Magic. Like you'd scripted it – winning for the home team at their home meet.

"He didn't just win. He dominated."

Quel Senor was up almost 6 lengths on Lord Zada (J.W. Delozier) and Praise The Prince (Gus Brown) at the wire. Pinkie Swear was fourth.

Guy Torsilieri was there, and his father and partner in Coppertree, Far Hills mayor, Carl Torsilieri (pictured, with wife Lois). Syndicate partner Dee DiRienzo was there, everybody's kids were there. Cyril Murphy's father and brother were there, visiting from Waterford, Ireland as Cyril concluded his first year riding the U.S. jump circuit.

"He's probably the best horse I ever rode, sheer talent," Murphy recalls his first grade 1 winner. "Guy and I talk about it every year I go back up there."

"It's a championship course," Murphy adds, "and a championship meet. They go above and beyond to provide a safe, fair and professional race meet. It'd stand on its own two feet (measured against) any racecourse in the world."

"Yeah, that was my best moment ever in steeplechasing," Torsilieri echoes Murphy's remembered glory. "It was a blur – our meet was literally a month after 9-11, and we're literally 42 miles to Manhattan. I remember them singing the national anthem and suddenly our PA system blew out.

"The crowd took it up, finished singing the anthem, everybody at the top of their lungs.

"We still didn't really understand what had happened (with the 9-11 terrorist attacks.) It gives me chills, even 20 years later, to remember 40,000 people singing the anthem. It was a moment."

Torsilieri Inc. famous for Rock Center Christmas tree

Torsilieri Inc. was founded by Carl Torsilieri in 1968 after his discharge from the U.S. Navy. Specializing in big jobs -- many that require cranes and careful engineering, Torsilieri Inc. has handled selection, harvesting, transporting, installing, decorating and removing the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree for 37 years. New York City's iconic holiday decoration features 25,000 lights – 5 miles if laid out in a line – that are "turned on" in a televised ceremony in early December. The tree stays up until Jan. 7, the day after the Epiphany.

The tradition began in 1933.

The tree is recycled every year and up to three tons of bark mulch donated to the Boy Scouts. The largest portion of the trunk is donated to the U.S. Equestrian Team in Gladstone to use as a cross-country jump.

In addition to landscape work, Torsilieri Inc. handles art installations. Guy Torsilieri explains that the same engineering they use for digging, moving and installing mature plantings can be applied to art installation. One they handled was Van Gogh's Ear, by Elmgreen and Dragset at the Rockefeller Center, a 30-foot fiberglass sculpture set on its rim, vertically. An internal steel frame was attached to a poured concrete foundation to counter-balance the sail effect of the piece.

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In Memoriam

SKIP ACHUFF, 77

Longtime American steeplechase participant–as a jockey, race director and racing official–C. Wayne "Skip" Achuff died at home in West Chester, Pa., Aug. 28 after a lengthy bout with cancer. He was 77.

Achuff was born in 1945 in Glen Riddle, Pa., and grew up riding horses. He graduated from Penncrest High and attended the Philadelphia College of Art. After serving in the U.S. Navy (1962-68), and seeing active duty on the flagship for the Second Fleet, USS Newport News, Achuff made a career with horses. He rode steeplechasers as a jockey, trained for a time, and was an owner. He stayed connected to the sport as an Equibase chartcaller and racing official. Notable for his bright colored impeccable attire and distinct bow ties, he struck a dapper appearance at many National Steeplechase Association meets.

Outside of equine pursuits, Achuff owned, operated, and developed Brass Ladle Products and catering company from the restaurant he had shared with his father. Despite his casual demeanor, he was a perfectionist in all his endeavors, his family recalled.

Achuff pursued tennis, golf, sailing, camping, travel, antiques, art, hunting and anything to do with horses and dogs.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy; daughters, Jacquelyn Michelle (Sheila) and Sarah Tantorski (Mark); grandson Nicholas Trafficante; sisters Carolyn Duff of Columbia, S.C., Nancy Coffman (Ken) of Berwyn, Pa., Sherri Quigley of Chadds Ford, Pa., and brother, Douglas (Barbara) of Laurel, Del.; also 13 nieces and nephews; and his Parson terrier, Harry.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Achuff's pet project, Twenty for the Tower, a campaign to restore the stewards' tower at the Radnor Hunt racecourse. Contributions can be sent to Brandywine Conservancy, P.O. Box 141, Chadds Ford, Pa. 19317 (indicate Twenty for the Tower on the memo line) or online at brandywine.org.

RANDALL BRANDON, 80

Dr. Randall Gatlin Brandon, a Thoroughbred veterinarian, died in his hometown of Camden, S.C., Aug. 15. He is survived by his wife Kirsty May Brandon, daughters Julie Carter (Andrew) and Lisa Boyle, both of Portland, Ore., grandchildren Katie and Emma Carter, brothers Dr. Jeff Brandon (Nancy) of Palm Coast, Fla. and Kyle Brandon of El Paso, Texas.

He graduated from Washington State University and followed with an internship at Auburn University. Next he was a member of the Teigland Vet Group in South Florida where he attended to racehorses at tracks in the area.

The following year, Brandon moved to Maryland where he established his practice serving owners and trainers at Laurel, Bowie, Pimlico and Delaware Park–developing an old-school reputation and caring for racehorses at all levels. After 30 years, he sold his practice and made South Carolina his home. His professional focus turned to assisting clients in pre-purchase needs at Thoroughbred auctions.

Although the schedule kept him busy, he enjoyed planning the matings for a small broodmare band he owned with his wife. The foals went on to earn New York-bred bonuses. Mares would foal in New York, be bred back in Kentucky and then raised to be sales yearlings at the Brandons' Dixie Farm in Camden.

Beyond horses, Brandon enjoyed hunting and fishing trips. He loved and appreciated the outdoors and all that went with it. Contributions may be made to Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, 261 State Farm Road #8200, Rembert, S.C., 29128 or to New Vocations, 719 Dolan Lane, Lexington, Ky., 40511. A celebration of life is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 2 at the Fasig-Tipton sales pavilion at Timonium.

PETER HOWE, 83

Retired trainer Peter Howe, one of just four people to train an American champion over jumps and on the flat, and the father of Colonial Downs vice-president of racing Jill Byrne, died Sept. 15 in Charlottesville, Va. He was 83.

Howe was born in Hartford, Conn., and became an accomplished rider of show horses–competing at Madison Square Garden, the Washington International Horse Show and other top venues–before transitioning to racehorses. There, he made a mark.

Training mainly for Marion du Pont Scott's Montpelier Stable–based at Belmont Park and Saratoga Race Course or private training facilities in Virginia and Camden, S.C., depending on the season–Howe conditioned a small but quality stable of flat and steeplechase horses.

Peter Howe schooling Soothsayer.

Soothsayer won an Eclipse Award as champion steeplechaser in 1972. Bred in Virginia by Scott, the son of *Mystic II won twice over hurdles as a 3-year-old in 1970 and added major scores in the Broad Hollow and New York Turf Writers Cup in 1971 before finishing second (beaten a neck by Inkslinger) in the Colonial Cup. In 1972, Soothsayer started late in the season but dominated the Temple Gwathmey at Rolling Rock in October and won the Colonial Cup (over Inkslinger). Beaten a nose in the 1973 Colonial Cup, Soothsayer ran in England the next two seasons–winning the 1974 Cathcart Cup at Cheltenham and finishing second in the 1975 Cheltenham Gold Cup for trainer Fred Winter–before returning to the United States and Howe. Soothsayer won the 1975 Noel Laing and finished third in another Colonial Cup. He finished with 13 wins and 13 seconds in 36 lifetime starts.

In 1976, Howe sent out Montpelier's Proud Delta to victories in the Affectionately, Rare Treat, Top Flight-G1, Shuvee, Hempstead-G2 and Beldame-G1 en route to the older filly/mare divisional championship. The daughter of Delta Judge won six of 14 starts that season, earning $270,127. Proud Delta went on to leave a mark as a broodmare. She produced Lyphard's Delta, a Group 2 winner whose daughter Delta Princess won six stakes and produced Hall of Famer and champion Royal Delta among others.

Soothsayer and Proud Delta put Howe in rare company–with Jonathan Sheppard, Sidney Watters Jr. and Jim Ryan–as the only trainers to prepare American champions on the flat and over jumps.

In addition to his champions, Howe trained international jumping star Tingle Creek during his American career. Bred in Virginia by Helen Whittaker, the flashy chestnut made his debut with a second over hurdles at Belmont Park as a 3-year-

old in June 1969. A week later, Tingle Creek won—leading at every call and scoring by 6 lengths—but he began a path to stardom in 1970. The 10-start campaign included a 141-1 upset in Delaware Park's Tom Roby Stakes, a win in Delaware's Indian River and the Broad Hollow at Belmont Park. Fifth in the 1971 Colonial Cup behind champions Inkslinger, Soothsayer, Top Bid and Shadow Brook, Tingle Creek went to England and became something of a legend. He won 23 races over fences in England, specializing in 2-mile chases and a front-running style. Tingle Creek won the Sandown Pattern Chase three times (in six tries) and the Benson and Hedges Gold Cup—now called the Tingle Creek—in 1973. He raced through age 13, winning his final start at Sandown in 1979 to massive applause from the crowd.

Howe also won graded stakes with Alias Smith and Piling, and retired as a trainer in 1993. He shared the 1971 National Steeplechase Association training championship with Sidney Watters Jr. when each won 22 races. Howe, inducted into the Virginia Steeplechase Hall of Fame this year, led the NSA earnings list in 1972.

Howe, whose father Walter was an American diplomat and the U.S. Ambassador to Chile under President Dwight Eisenhower, lived at Red Horse Farm near the Montpelier property in Barboursville, Va. Survivors include Byrne (whose previous racing jobs included positions with the Breeders' Cup, Churchill Downs and others), son Jeffrey Howe and his wife Christy, daughter Debby Howe and grandchildren Devon Byrne, William Vanderlinde and Emma and Owen Howe.

DONALD REEDER, 81

Donald Reeder, a Mid-Atlantic trainer for nearly four decades and former president of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, died July 31 at his home in Bucks County, Pa.

The native of Beaver Falls, Pa., he rode horses and bulls in rodeos as a young man and trained horses for trick-riding demonstrations. He worked for Hall of Fame trainer Marion Van Berg in the 1960s, trained in the Midwest and relocated to Pennsylvania in 1979. Equibase credited Reeder with 978 wins, starting in 1976, with his best years coming in the early 2000s with dozens of wins and earnings in the $1 million neighborhood. Reeder's runners won 85 races in 1999, and topped $1 million in annual earnings in 2002, 2003 and 2004. Stable stars included graded stakes winner True Passion, 12-time winner Heart's Cry, 15-time winner Stephan's Prize and 13-time winner Tizagal among others.

Reeder joined the PTHA board and held the president's position for several years, putting special emphasis on the Turning For Home aftercare program. Founded in 2008, TFH has helped more than 3,600 horses find retirement placements. He retired from training in 2012.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanie; his children, Dawn Figley, Justin Reeder and Cassie Rhone; many grandchildren; and his brother, Skip Reeder. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 3551 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19140 or to Turning for Home Inc., P.O. Box 300, Bensalem, Pa. 19020.

LINELL SMITH, 90

Linell Chenault Smith, daughter of Baltimore writer and poet Ogden Nash and Frances Leonard Nash—and a longtime Thoroughbred breeder and owner—died at her Sparks, Md., farm July 28. She was 90.

Smith spent most of her childhood in Baltimore, and she and her sister, Isabel Eberstadt, were treated to a front-row seat to their father's linguistic creativity, from listening to his early drafts of humorous verse to watching him work with Kurt Weill and Vernon Duke at the family piano, creating such Broadway melodies as "Speak Low" and "One Touch of Venus."

In between, she accompanied her father to Pimlico where she developed a passion for racing. The 1941 Preakness, in particular, caught her 9-year-old attention with Whirlaway's famous tail streaking behind him as he captured the second jewel on his way to Triple Crown glory.

After her marriage to John Marshall Smith in 1951 and beginning her family, she pursued art, creative writing and horses. In addition to illustrating several of her father's children's books as well as designing the logo still in use by the Maryland Pony Breeders' Association, she wrote five children's books between 1959 and 1965. She developed a deep love for Arabian horses through her connection with Carl and Jane Asmus who introduced her to the story of Witez II, a Polish Arabian stallion who survived the battlefields of World War II, ultimately to be rescued by General George Patton and transferred to safety in the United States. After thorough research in Poland, talking to survivors who remembered the horse as well as the terrors of the war, Smith published *And Miles To Go* in 1967.

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

Linell Smith with broodmare Always and Always.

After almost a decade breeding and showing Arabian horses, Smith returned to Thoroughbred racing. She developed a keen sense of bloodline nicks and was able to capitalize by purchasing old, well-bred broodmares and turning them into productive horses. During the 1970s and early 1980s, the mares produced stakes horses, such as Gain Or Loss (the second dam of Grade 1 winner Lost Code), Westering Home, Grace o' the Isles and the steeplechaser Cold Iron. More recently, her breeding produced 11-time winner He Touched Me and seven-time winner Met a Miner—both successfully re-homed after their careers ended.

By the 1980s Smith's love of singing resurfaced and she joined the choir at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Cockeysville where she sang for the next two decades. In addition, she was engaged in politics and current events. She worked on numerous campaigns and movements, especially civil rights issues, beginning in the 1950s. She came to appreciate the women's-liberation movement in 1971 when, in order to race her horse at Delaware Park, the track insisted she get her husband's written permission. She was especially encouraging to and supportive of female jockeys. As recently as 2004, she attended a mass peace march on Washington, D.C., with her daughters.

Survivors include daughters Frances Rider Smith, Linell Nash Smith and Brigid Smith Robbins, and three grandchildren.

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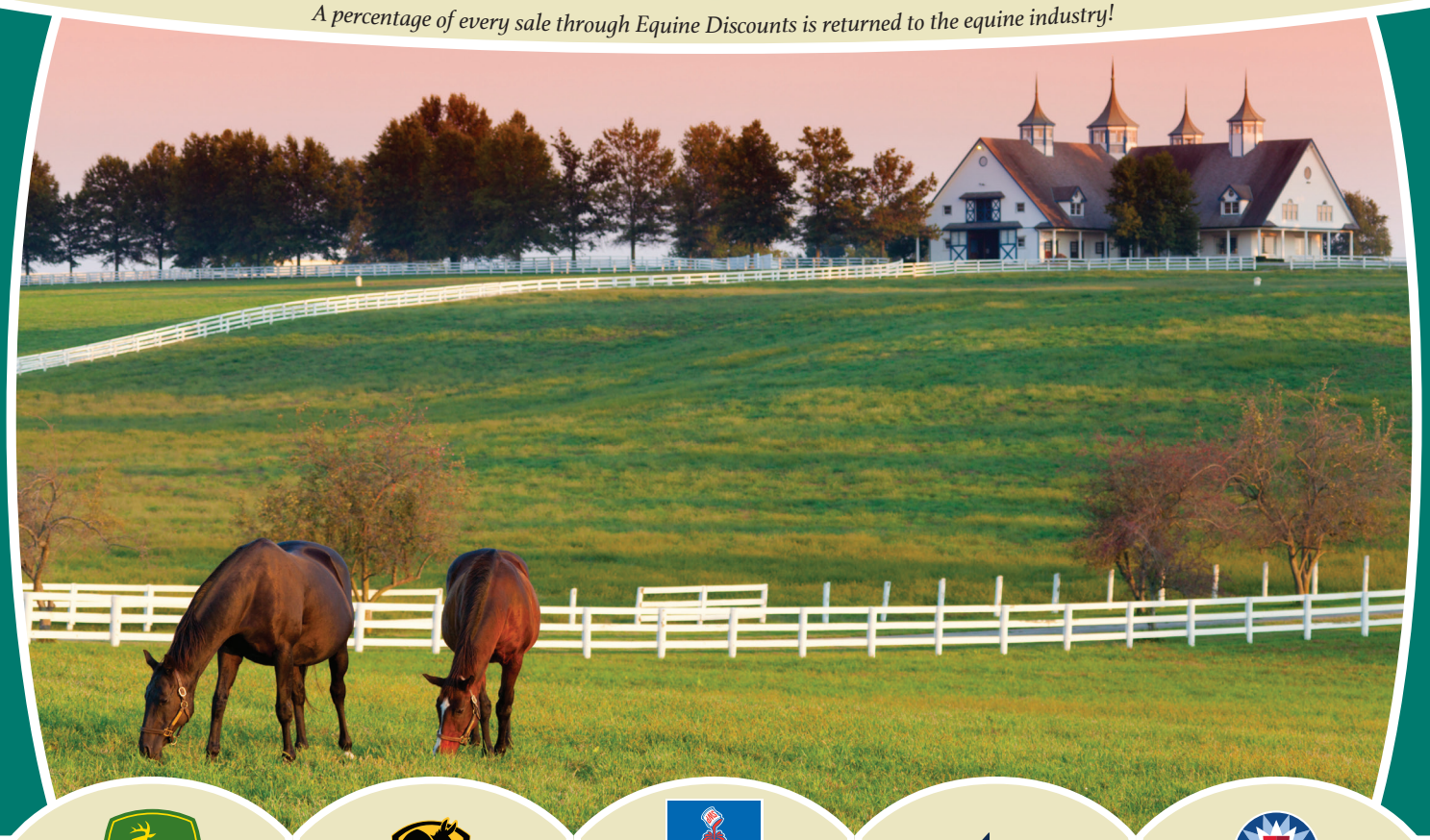

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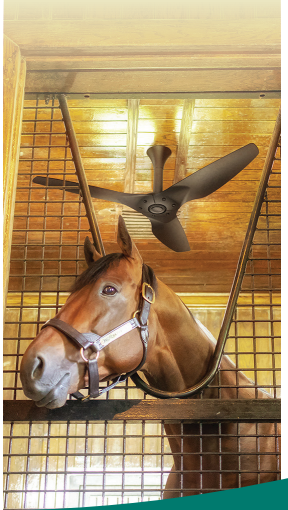

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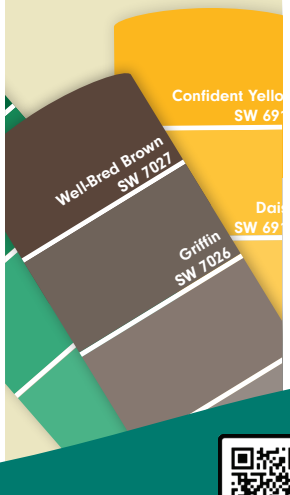

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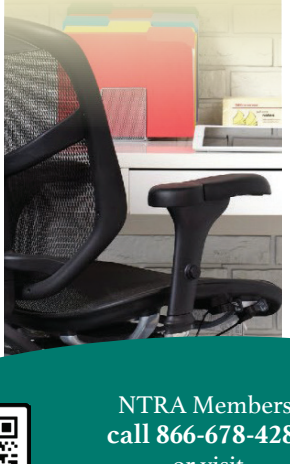

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Looking Back

25 years ago

■ Colonial Downs opened on Labor Day 1997, the end result of the efforts of Virginia Thoroughbred interests to bring pari-mutuel racing to the Old Dominion. Virginia had witnessed no live racing of consequence since pre-Civil War days, and Colonial Downs' opening came nine years after the passage of the state's first pari-mutuel legislation. Colonial Downs was allowed to open OTBs prior to implementing live racing, but the Virginia legislature mandated that the track be opened by Sept. 1, 1997, or else forfeit its OTB licenses.

■ A few days after Tale of the Cat ran off with the Grade 2 King's Bishop Stakes at Saratoga, writer Lucy Acton found a sliver of time in leading trainer and horsemen's advocate John Forbes's packed day.

Forbes, 50, was well aware that some people who knew him only as the president New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Benevolent Association "think that's all I do." Working on legislative issues, chairing meetings and addressing horsemen's countless day-to-day concerns took up a lot of his time. "But it doesn't really take away from the hours I spend training horses. It takes the time I might spend on anything else."

New Jersey-based trainer John Forbes leads stable star Tale of the Cat out for a work.

Forbes purchased Tale of the Cat, a son of Storm Cat, at the 1995 Keeneland September Yearling Sale for $375,000, ranking as the most expensive horse he had ever trained. The colt was 3-for-4 and turned in the most impressive performance of the Saratoga meeting.

■ Atlantic City culminated its 30-day live meet Aug. 17. Other than the Caesars International Handicap-G1 on opening day in late June, the track offered no stakes races that year. The Matchmaker-G3 was transferred to Monmouth Park, as was the Jersey Shore Breeders' Cup Stakes-G3.

It was the last year the Caesars International (i.e. United Nations) was run at the track. It was won by Influent, who upset Allen Paulson's odds-on favored entry of Geri and Flag Down.

■ After an unassuming 1996 season, it seemed that 7-year-old Awad might have left his glory days behind him. That was until Jim Ryan's homebred won Saratoga's Grade 1 Sword Dancer Invitational Handicap and set a course record of 2:23.20 for 1½ miles. Awad pushed himself to the third-leading Mid-Atlantic-bred money-earner of all time, behind Maryland-bred Cigar ($9,999,815) and Virginia-bred Paradise Creek ($3,401,416).

Awad's "unassuming" 1996 season saw him fail to win in 11 starts, but he hit the board five times and earned $772,524; in 1997 he earned $523,775. He retired after one start in 1998 having amassed $3,270,131 in 70 starts. His course record of 1:58.69 in winning the 1995 Arlington Million-G1 was never broken, and his Saratoga course record also still stands.

10 years ago

■ In a season of steeplechasing where successes were often reserved for larger stables from Maryland and Pennsylvania, Virginians Richard Valentine and Jimmy Day took Saratoga steeplechasing by storm. Spy in the Sky started the success with a win in the $100,000 A.P. Smithwick Memorial-G1 for Day in a 25-1 upset. Three weeks later, Valentine claimed the meet's biggest prize, the $150,000 New York Turf Writers Cup-G1, with Demonstrative.

■ Mid-Atlantic-breds shined at Saratoga as Pennsylvania-bred So Many Ways blazed through the Grade 3 Schuylerville to open the meet and added the Grade 1 Spinaway to close it, while Maryland-bred Poseidon's Warrior upset the Grade 1 Alfred G. Vanderbilt Handicap.

■ North central Virginia-based trainer Patrick Nuesch put in the work to find the right race for Le Deluge. Making two 800-mile round trips to Presque Isle Downs in less than a month resulted in two back-to-back track records.

Le Deluge won the second and third races of the Presque Isle Downs Distance Series of starter allowances, the first coming at 1¾ miles. Facing 10 rivals, the son of Louis Quatorze was nearly a dozen lengths off the pace before being sent with about a half mile to go. The gelding steadily drew off to win by 3 lengths in 2:59.27. Three weeks later, despite rearing at the start, Le Deluge won a 2-mile battle by a length in 3:32.12. Nuesch, who usually ran at Charles Town, noted: "He never showed early pace, and he looked like he could run all day."

■ Althea Richards' Jump Start colt won the grand championship at the 12th annual $15,000 Virginia Breeders Fund Yearling Futurity. The Futurity, held at the Warrenton Horse Show Grounds in Warrenton, was judged by Audley Farm general manager Dr. Jens von Lepel. Richards' dark bay colt was out of her homebred mare Green Jeans, a daughter of Green Dancer who produced a multiple hurdle stakes winner Green Velvet and $149,058-earner Boxer Shorts.

Althea Richards accepts the trophy for her yearling futurity-winning Jump Start colt, future graded stakes winner Just Call Kenny.

The Jump Start colt, Just Call Kenny, would win or place in five graded stakes, topped by a victory in the 2017 Grade 3 Philip H. Iselin Stakes. He earned $501,270.

50 years ago

Carl Freeman, owner of 500-acre Tusculum Farm in Montgomery County, had just made his entrance into the Thoroughbred world.

■ A kingpin among American builders and real estate developers, Carl Freeman, who owned 500-acre Tusculum Farm in Montgomery County, entered the Thoroughbred industry with the purchase of a 50 percent interest in two highly-promising 2-year-old fillies. With partner Frank A. Bonsal Jr., the plan was to buy high-quality fillies they could race first and breed later. Everything went according to plan for about two months. Their Wage Freeze finished second in her first start at Pimlico, and then won. The Boldnesian filly trained brilliantly. Then they both went wrong.

"I have found," says Mr. Freeman, "that there is no end to the things that go wrong with horses. And I'm continually amazed by the casual manner in which major horse transactions are made. Horse people are so different from businessmen."

The Boldnesian filly, a Maryland-bred named Miss Tusculum, never did race. But Freeman kept to his plan and was rewarded when three of her first four foals were stakes winners Bold Josh and Nancy's Champion and stakes-placed Heaven Knows. But the best was yet to come. Three additional stakes performers followed, topped by 1991 Breeders' Cup Turf-G1 winner and champion grass mare Miss Alleged (by Alleged). Wage Freeze produced Golden Wage, Freeman's winner of the Pearl Necklace Stakes.

■ The 12th annual Eastern Fall Yearling Sale at Timonium broke every previous record with gross receipts totaling $1,277,900. The average price was a record $7,179, compared to the previous mark set in 1971 of $5,438.

The auction featured E.P. Taylor's 18-horse Windfields consignment. Included in that group was a half-brother to Northern Dancer who went into the ring with a $100,000 reserve. The son of Dr. Fager wound up selling for $155,000—more than tripling the sale's previous high price of $45,000 set in 1967.

■ The victory of Gambler's Nade in the $12,500 All Maryland Handicap at Timonium meant almost as much to the 2-year-old colt's breeders as it did to owner-trainer Heather Buchanan.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Murray Jr. bred the Nade colt out of the first mare they ever bought, Rip-Fleet, purchased for $800 at the Samuel M. Pistorio breeding stock dispersal in 1959. Allen Murray, an electronics engineer at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, credited Rip-Fleet with making possible the purchase of the couple's 40-acre Murmur Farm in Aberdeen, Md. The first foal they bred out of the mare, a colt by Tuscany, was sold as a yearling for $3,400, and that, in addition to savings bonds, was used to purchase the farm.

■ Dr. Jean Poirier and his two partners won the $60,500 Tri-State Futurity at Shenandoah Downs with their maiden filly Softly. She was one of four horses of racing age owned by Dr. Poirier and his partners, and the second stakes winner bred by Dr. Poirier. His first was Tearing Around, winner of the $25,000 World's Playground in 1968 and $15,000 Gold Coast Handicap in 1969. Both Softly and Tearing Around were out of the first mares ever owned by Dr. Poirier, purchased from his good friend and neighbor, Dr. Robert A. Leonard, manager and part-owner of Glade Valley Farms.

A daughter of Solo Landing and Luey Miss, by Martins Rullah, Softly is the fifth dam of Hall of Famer Ashado. Of her 13 foals, nine were winners, four stakes horses, although none were bred by Poirier.

■ Stuart Janney boasted one of the classiest Thoroughbreds in the hunting field, riding his own five-time stakes winner Promise. Bred by Janney, the 7-year-old son of The Irishman out of Vowed stood two seasons at stud following his retirement at the end of the 1969 season. But he became sterile during his second season and was gelded.

■ Editor Snowden Carter writes of Marylander Carolyn Rauck and her remarkable rise in the breeding world. "Think you know horses? That you can outguess the professionals? Well try pin-hooking for a real test. Go to Kentucky and buy weanlings [as Miss Rauck did] and sell them a year later at yearling sales. If you make money, you qualify as an expert."

Rauck more than doubled her money on her pinhook venture. "Carolyn Rauck's farm is named Green Willow. It's located in Carroll county, near Westminster. In my opinion, it's a farm worth watching."

Rauck married Ronnie Green, and the two expanded their farm into one of the largest and most influential in the state over the next four decades, standing stallions and selling commercially. Notable horses they bred included Maryland-bred Horse of the Year The Big Beast and Hall of Famer Tepin's dam Life Happened.

■ The feature race of Fair Hill's highly successful two-Saturday meet, the $10,000-added Grand National Hurdle Handicap, was won by Mrs. F. Ambrose Clark's Gran Kan, a 6-year-old Chilean-bred trained by Sidney Watters Jr. Inkslinger, winner the previous Saturday's $5,000 Manly Hurdle Purse, was weighted at 165 pounds, but the Maryland-bred passed up the big race. Gran Kan carried high weight of 158 pounds.

It would be Gran Kan's last race for more than 19 months. He came back in 1974 and won the race again under higher weight, and earned that year's Eclipse Award.

75 years ago

■ A portion of New York *Herald Tribune* sports section was reprinted, courtesy of the editors, after Alfred Vanderbilt won the Babylon Handicap at Aqueduct with Newsweekly, giving the owner his first New York stakes win in six years. It was another "brilliant and witty column" by the legendary "Red" Smith, who noted that Vanderbilt "bought a case of champagne which was delivered to the press box with a card reading: 'Compliments of Newsweekly.' Correspondents for daily newspapers consumed it unblushingly."

■ Calumet Farm's undefeated Bewitch remained on the list of 151 2-year-old fillies still eligible for the $25,000 Selima Stakes to be run at Laurel. The daughter of Bull Lea had five stakes on her record of seven straight triumphs. Other owners keeping their fillies eligible were William Woodward, master of Belair Stud, who offered the trophy; Walter P. Chrysler; and C.V. Whitney.

Leather Work. Charles Schafer Jr., on his farm near Hagerstown, Md., grabs some harness in the stable for his Belgian horses before getting to work in the fields. The Schafer farm was one of the few places raising these powerful workhorses in 1961 and the squad of 16 was believed to be the most draft horses worked on any Maryland farm at the time.

Photojournalist A. Aubrey Bodine, who worked at the Baltimore *Sun* for 50 years–from 1920 until his death in 1970–captured many scenes of Maryland horses, farms and racing. He was regarded worldwide as one of the finest pictorialists of the 20th century. *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* features his work in Past Time.

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